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With state aid level-funded, cuts and fees to remain

## Bach: High School parking fees will triple

All-day K \$600 more

By Rita Savard

Superintendent Claudia Bach is bracing for an influx in phone traffic from parents this week after proposing a \$225 hike in parking fees at Andover High.

Bach told the School Committee on Tuesday night that the reason for such a steep increase was to prevent further program cuts.

"I don't know where another choice can come from," said Bach, informing committee members that she examined all other alternatives. "We're at the edge

of our resources."

The raise in parking costs from \$100 to \$325 was the largest percentage fee increase in the superintendent's projected budget for fiscal year 2006. Another jump in fees that prompted a deluge of calls over the past week was for all-day-kindergarten, where a \$3,750 tuition

cost was expected to climb to \$5,000. That fee hike was lowered to \$4,350 (see story in Education, page 6).

Transportation fees are also projected to increase from \$300 to \$350, while high school athletic fees will remain at \$250.

The superintendent said athletic fees

were left alone following athletic directors' warnings that too many students would no longer be able to afford participation. Bach did suggest that parking fees could have been raised previously to avoid such a big hit all at once.

School officials indicate the soaring

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### THE PARKING TWO-STEP



Parkers at the Olde Andover Village lot, such as Lelf Magnusson, must complete two steps to park. First, they must go to a machine and pay for a ticket to park (above). Then, they must return to their vehicle and place the ticket in their window (see photo below).

### TOWN MEETING ISSUE

## Will beat go on for pay-and-display?

By Andrea Gregory

Trang Nguyen, owner of Tran Tran Nails in Olde Andover Village, has heard many parking lot horror stories. One woman told Nguyen she parked her car at the far end of the lot and hiked to the front so she could pay to park. By the time she returned to her car with the ticket for her window, there was already an officer writing out a ticket beside her car, she said.

"I've heard a lot of complaints," said Nguyen.

Since May 2004, drivers who use the Olde Andover Village municipal lot have used a new parking system known as pay-and-display. But that doesn't mean they like it.

This year, Andover will learn just how strongly residents feel about the system, when police

ask Town Meeting for money to expand the program to other lots.

Under pay-and-display, parkers need to drop change into a designated pay box. A ticket is printed out, and a parker must return his or her car to stick the ticket in their window.

The system eliminates the chance someone could pull up to a meter with time left on it. But for the most part, opponents' aggravation with pay-and-display has nothing to do with the price of parking, 25 cents per hour.

"The price is good," said Stephanie Sordillo, who parked in the Old Andover Village lot for a doctor's appointment. There are two boxes in the 116-space Olde Andover Village lot

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Whether the pay-and-display machines should be installed in other lots will be debated at Town Meeting.

## The only race in town: schools

By Rita Savard

The 2005 election ballot is formed, and it will not take long to fill out.

Three out of the four open seats for town offices will go unchallenged during the March 25 election.

Selectman Mary Lyman, Moderator James Doherty and Housing Authority member Francis O'Connor attracted no opposition before Tuesday's application deadline at 5 p.m. School Committee member Christopher Smith will face two challengers, David Hastings, a former member of the Affordable Housing Committee, and David Samuels, a local periodontist.

For town election 2004, there was a three-way race for School Committee and the Board of Selectmen, while there was again no race for either moderator or Housing Authority.

Last month, Christopher D. Haynes, formerly of the Housing Partnership Committee, as well as a local poll worker, picked up nomination papers from the town clerk's office to run for moderator, but never returned them.

Haynes said his ultimate decision not to run this year came after meeting with veteran moderator James Doherty. Doherty has been the facilitator of Town Meeting since 1978.

"If it's not broken, don't fix it," said Haynes. "I was impressed with his vitality. He still has the

eye of the tiger early in the morning, and at the end of the day."

Haynes added that after looking at the Town Meeting agenda, he believed warrant articles concerning the senior center and NESWC monies would benefit more from his involvement on the floor rather than assuming the "non-political" role of moderator.

"When Mr. Doherty is no longer accomplishing his task, he'll be the first one to tell the town it's time," said Haynes. "Then, I look forward to join-

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Incumbent Christopher Smith returned his papers Tuesday to run for office. He will face David Hastings and David Samuels.

## Teen snowmobiler killed at Poms

By Margo Sullivan and Jim Patten

A Central Catholic High School baseball star was killed in a snowmobile accident on Saturday at Poms Pond, off Abbot Street.

Junior Brian DeSalvo, 16, of South Lawrence, died Saturday night after he struck the back of another snowmobile at Poms Pond in Recreation Park and was thrown into a tree. Police said he was not wearing a helmet.

On Sunday, some of DeSalvo's closest friends gathered at the DeSalvo home to remember him. "Everyone was distraught," said DeSalvo's uncle, Michael Surette of Andover. Surette said his nephew was the kind of person who had "all kinds of friends, from the age of 4 to the age of 70."

The accident was one of two with local ties last weekend. Haverhill resident Dagny Collins, 25, was killed Saturday when she was struck by a snowmobile while walking on First Connecticut Lake in Pittsburg, N.H., near the U.S.-Canadian

border. The 24-year-old driver of the snowmobile who struck Collins died of injuries.

Less than a year ago, Andover Gulf gas station manager Randy Guilmette also was involved in a snowmobiling accident, which put him into a coma.

The DeSalvo accident in the snowmobile DeSalvo struck was still under investigation by the Massachusetts Environmental Police. In the DeSalvo accident, both Andover police and officials from the state's Executive Office of Environmental Affairs said they do not expect to make any criminal charges.

However, the driver of the snowmobile DeSalvo struck will face noncriminal charges, including driving an unregistered recreational vehicle and failure to wear a helmet, said Joseph O'Keefe of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. The driver has been identified as Michael Reilly, 42, of Andover.

After the accident, Reilly carried the injured boy on his

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## Area frequently used by snowmobilers

### SNOWMOBILE DEATH

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snowmobile to the nearby home of Ronald Abraham at 250R Andover St., police said. Abraham confirmed the call for help came from the house, but did not want to comment further. "I'm friends with the family, and everyone's very upset," he said.

A Boston MedFlight helicopter responded to the call for help and airlifted DeSalvo to Brigham & Women's Hospital, where he died about 8:20 p.m., said hospital spokeswoman Kim Blake.

Andover police Sgt. William Ouellette said the accident occurred at the beach at Pumps Pond, near Camp Maude Eaton, a summer camp for Girl Scouts. The land is owned by the camp, but considered part of Andover's Recreational Park, where snowmobiles are prohibited, Andover Lt. Thomas Siopes said. Andover police are also still considering whether to charge Reilly with trespassing, said Siopes.

Areas of Recreation Park are frequently used by snowmobile riders during the winter, and motorbike riders during the warmer months. Russell Keeler of Andover said he was at the park Saturday several hours before the fatal accident and saw

about six snowmobiles, some with two riders aboard.

### Remembering DeSalvo

Monday morning, Central Catholic High braced itself for the arrival of shaken-up teachers and students. School Principal David DeFillippo said the day would start with a prayer for DeSalvo and his family, and grief counselors would be on hand throughout the day.

"We are going to try and keep the day as normal as we can," DeFillippo said, but added this is a "tragic loss." He said it's the first time in at least 15 years the school is faced with the sudden death of a student.

DeFillippo said DeSalvo worked hard and scored solid marks in the college preparatory program. He had a lot of friends, though he was not really an outgoing type. He was more "on the quiet side," DeFillippo said, but won friends "in all the classes."

Frankie Moran, 16, of Lawrence was one of DeSalvo's friends. The two met during their freshman year at Central Catholic High. They connected the first day of classes, he said, and it turned out they also played in the same American Legion league, though on different teams, said Moran, the sophomore class president. They faced

off in the Babe Ruth League playoffs last year, Moran said.

"It was the last game of the series, and we were tied," Moran said. "He was playing second base." Time was called, and somehow Moran found himself just standing there with DeSalvo talking about school and sports. "Even though you're kind of enemies trying to win," he said, "you're still friends."

Six feet tall with dark hair and a slim build, DeSalvo was a standout in the Lawrence Babe Ruth League. He led the South Lawrence Red Sox to the city finals the last two years with his strong hitting, Delaney said.

Justin Narbonne, 14, was on his team and remembered one particular Curt Schilling-like moment. "It was a close game. We were down by one run," Narbonne said. "He hurt his fingernail; it came off, and he wasn't supposed to play. But he told the coach he was fine. That was one thing that impressed me."

DeFillippo said DeSalvo also was interested in computer graphics and had won a contest for designing the playbill for the school theater group's production of "13 Past Midnight."

Mike LaBella, Mark E. Vogler, and The Associated Press contributed to this report.

## Expansion for parking system

### PAY AND DISPLAY

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on Main Street.

Sordillo has no gripe with the machine itself, but said pulling into the lot, parking, leaving the car, getting a slip, returning to the car and locking up takes her more time than is typical.

"I parked close today," she said with a smile, glancing over at her car.

Sordillo said it would be more convenient if lot users could grab a ticket on the way in and pay on the way out, as they do at parking garages.

Another lot user, Tom Mead, said he was hoping he could drive up to the ticket dispenser when he used the pay machine for the first time on Tuesday. Other than that, Mead said the system is something he could get used to.

But people who have used it more a few times in unfavorable weather say they would rather not get used to it.

"I don't like it. I'd rather have meters," said Dave Mullen who visits the Andover Bookstore about once a month. He said sometimes he is lucky and finds parking on Main Street so he can avoid the lot.

Selectmen Chairman Brian Major said officials will look into the pay-and-display system and discuss other options before installing more of these devices in other town parking lots.

Town Meeting voters will be asked to approve transferring \$110,000 from off-street parking receipts, in part to install more pay-and-display parking units at Olde Andover Village, Shawsheen Square and Memorial Hall Library.

Police Chief Brian Pattullo said the machines cost about \$18,000 each. He said they pay for themselves within a year and are easy to maintain.

The money would also build sheltered areas and a message board at the pay-and-display sites. About \$24,000 would be used to buy an electric vehicle used by parking-enforcement workers.

Although Pattullo supports the article, he is aware that people have complained about the system.

"We have a couple of people that don't like the idea that they have to walk to a central spot to put their money in. But for the most part, people appreciate the non-cluttered look of the parking lot with all the meters (gone) and the ease of using the machines," he said. "And it is definitely a better payback for the town, as far as a return on investment and ease of maintenance and ease of keeping things running. We have had very good luck with them. They have been working very well. Of course, change is hard to get through."

Major said selectmen will discuss how "comfortable" they are expanding this parking system. He is just one of the selectmen who said they have received negative feedback since the system was first installed, although selectmen do see benefits to the system.

Major said he likes the idea of a drive-through system, but is not sure it would be possible.



Beverly Ristuccia puts money into the pay-and-display parking system in the Olde Andover Village parking lot on Main Street.

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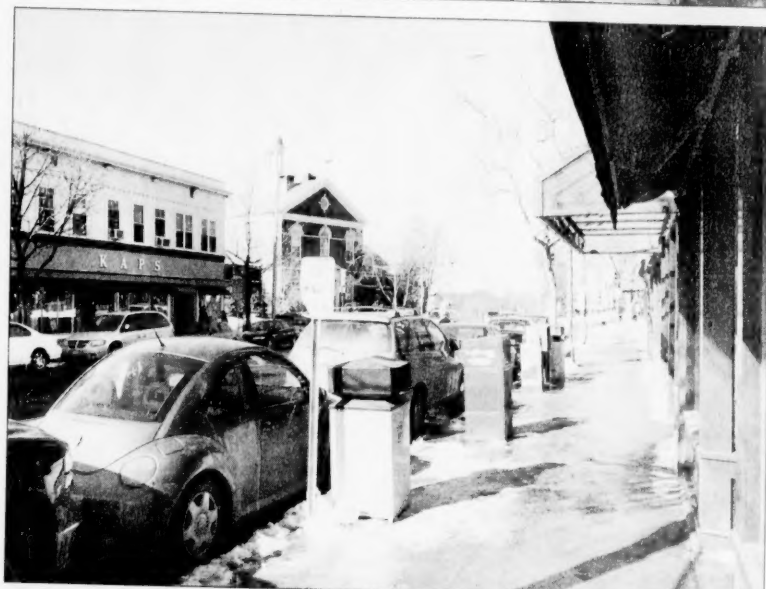
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## IN BRIEF

## PAST AND PRESENT



OLDER PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY; MODERN-DAY PHOTO BY TIM JEAN. During the winter of 1957, snow was piled deep around parking meters on Main Street (see top photo). The bottom photo, taken on Tuesday, shows Main Street without both parking meters and snow banks. This week, after some grumbling from downtown businesses and shoppers, the town removed the snow piles created by last week's blizzard.

## Crash course in town zoning Feb. 10

Interested in how zoning affects homes, including your own? Wonder who is watching over how the Andovers grow and change? Understand "context-sensitive" development, or the Dover Amendment?

These are but a few of the zoning issues to be discussed at the League of Women Voters Community Forum, "Zoning in Your Neighborhood," Thursday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. in Andover's Memorial Hall Library. This event is free and open to the public.

The evening will include a brief overview of the planning process, followed by discussion and questions from the audience. The panel will include Steve Colyer, Andover planning director; Paul Salafia, Andover Planning Board chairman; Attorney Mark Johnson, and others.

For additional information, contact Jennessa Durrani at 978-470-3290 or visit the Andover/North Andover League Web site [www.LWV-Andovers.org](http://www.LWV-Andovers.org).

## Phillips: Perspectives on tsunami disaster

An exploration of the tsunami disaster from a variety of perspectives will be held from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, in Kemper Auditorium, 5 Chapel Ave., on the Phillips Academy campus. Panelists will include Henry Francis, a physician currently working with World Visions in Sri Lanka; Eli Lazarus, teaching fellow in English and a geologist; Edward Kang '07; and faculty members from the departments of philosophy and religious studies, as well as history and social science.

The public is invited to attend. Kemper Auditorium is handicapped accessible. For more information, call the Community Service office at 978-749-4135.

To date, Phillips Academy students, faculty and staff have raised more than \$5,000 towards a goal of \$10,000 to aid five organizations providing relief to victims of the tsunami disaster. One innovative non-monetary project, headed by Mia Kanak '06 of Tokyo, Japan, is creating and sending student artwork to be hung in orphanages, children's wards of hospitals and schools in the affected areas.

## Quote, unquote . . .

**I WAS IMPRESSED WITH HIS VITALITY.** He still has the eye of the tiger early in the morning, and at the end of the day.

— Christopher D. Haynes, who elected not to run against longtime moderator Jim Doherty after taking out papers to do so. (Story, page 1)

## ARE COMMUNITY STANDARDS \$47 PER HOUR?

— John Tocci, contractor for the housing project at the corner of North Main and Stevens streets, referring to a union group that is picketing his project with signs that say one of his subcontractors "does not conform to community standards." (Story, page 4)

## News Calendar

## A list of town meetings posted as of Tuesday, Feb. 1:

## Thursday, Feb. 3

Zoning Board of Appeals, public hearing, deliberation, Memorial Hall Library, third floor, 7 p.m.

## Friday, Feb. 4

School Committee, School Administration Building, executive session, 5 p.m.

## Saturday, Feb. 5

Zoning Board of Appeals, deliberation, Memorial Hall Library, third floor, 9 a.m.

## Monday, Feb. 7

Spring Grove Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund, Town Offices, Plant and Facilities conference room, noon

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, Feb. 8

Preservation Commission, Town Offices, first floor, 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, deliberation for Mulberry Child Care, at 303 Lowell St., Town Offices, first floor, 6 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, Feb. 9

Design Advisory Group, Town Offices, first floor, 6 p.m.

Ballardvale Lowell Junction Task Force, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

Spring Grove Cemetery Trustees, Town Offices, Plant & Facilities conference room, 7:15 p.m.

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

## LWV's student essay contest online

The election is over, and what have children learned about the voting process, the Electoral College and the issues at stake? The League of Women Voters is asking Massachusetts students in grades 4-12 to think about these questions in its sixth annual Online Student Essay Contest, funded by Bank of America.

"This contest is unique because it is conducted entirely online," said Andover/North Andover League President, Peggy Kruse. Contest rules, essay questions and instructions

for submitting the essays via email are online at [www.lwvma.org](http://www.lwvma.org). The essay contest is open to all Massachusetts students in grades 4-12 in public and private schools and to those who are home-schooled. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 28.

In addition to receiving U.S. Savings Bonds, winners will read their essays at a special event on Sunday, April 10, joining the historic line of patriotic speakers who have passionately proclaimed their views at Faneuil Hall in Boston.

## Tucker office hours

State Sen. Sue Tucker will hold her monthly office hours at the Andover Memorial Library on Thursday, Feb. 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Her office invites all town residents to stop by, or to contact her at her Statehouse office by calling 617-722-1612, or by e-mailing her at [STucker@senate.state.ma.us](mailto:STucker@senate.state.ma.us).

## Local film festival accepting students' work

Merrimack College's Fifth Annual Tambakos Film Festival & Video Competition is now accepting entries.

The local-college festival is an annual event that encourages students to create new video work. Students from across the United States can enter their original video to be considered for recognition and monetary

prizes. Prizes include the \$1,000 Tambakos Award for Excellence and two Judges Awards for Excellence of \$250 each.

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## GILLETTE SALE

# Effect on Andover plant might not be known for months

By Andy Murray

Gillette employees in Andover likely will have to wait four to seven months to find out if there is room for them in Procter & Gamble's giant medicine cabinet.

Cincinnati-based Procter & Gamble Co., the country's largest household goods maker, announced last week it was buying Boston-based Gillette Co. for \$52.4 billion, and would trim 6,000 jobs from the companies' combined work force.

Gillette, which said it employs close to 580 workers in Andover and 4,000 across Massachusetts, is the world's leading manufacturer of disposable

razors, and batteries, under the Duracell brand. But Andover Planning Director Stephen Colyer believes the 580 number is conservative. The Andover facility, on Burr Road in southwest near Interstate 93, makes and distributes deodorant, aftershave, shaving gel and lotions.

"They're one of the big players in the junction," Colyer said. "Gillette was one of the first companies to build in the Lowell junction."

If regulators approve the multi-billion-dollar deal as is, Cincinnati-based P&G will add Duracell, Gillette razors, and Right Guard deodorant to its collection of more than 300 con-

sumer brands, including Head and Shoulders shampoo, Pringles potato chips, Crest toothpaste and Bounty paper towels, giving it more leverage with giant superstores trying to control costs. The acquisition would vault P&G's sales to more than \$60 billion annually.

Local Gillette employees said they had been warned not to speak with the press about the merger.

Eric Kraus, Gillette's vice president for corporate communications, said it was too early to say how specific plants would be affected.

"(Andover) is our key personal care products facility. It's

important to us, but it's too early to tell what the impacts will be," Kraus said. "There are no plans at this time to change any of the manufacturing plants," he said.

The Andover plant, built in 1969 plant, is nearly 600,000 square feet and sits on 153 acres. It is assessed by the town at \$36 million. It is on par with the Raytheon Integrated Air Defense Center on Lowell Street. Although it sits on 150 acres at 30 Burr Road, the company has never expanded.

Colyer said the plant has been big enough to accommodate upgrades and reconfiguration

over the years.

John B. Flynn, an Andover resident who retired from Gillette as a director of development in 1991, said it was a company tradition to keep its factories in good working order and the plant still has tremendous value. "It's a modern plant with good machines and good people," Flynn said.

Craig Ford, chairman of the New England Society of Cosmetic Chemists, said products Gillette makes in Andover compete directly with P&G products. Still, Ford said he doesn't foresee Procter & Gamble consoli-

dating manufacturing operations.

"There is significant value in the facility in Andover," said Ford, who works for an industrial chemical supplier. "It might be used differently, but it still might be used at or near capacity."

According to Colyer, years of planning for a full interchange on I-93 would not be muddled if the purchase of Gillette Corp. alters the use of the facility. A push by the Mills Corp. to build a shopping mall in Tewksbury has again highlighted the need for an accessible traffic artery into Ballardvale.

## POLICE LOG

## ARRESTS

Wednesday, Jan. 26 - At 8:14 a.m., Gerard McKinnon, 43, of 5 Cranmore Road, Hyde Park, was arrested and charged on a warrant for domestic assault and battery and threatening to commit murder.

Thursday, Jan. 27 - At 3:58 p.m., Robert Heitz, 23, of 13 Ivy Lane, was arrested and charged on a warrant for leaving the scene of an accident, operating to endanger an operating under the influence of liquor.

Friday, Jan. 28 - At 4:17 p.m., Eric Sterite, 21, of 6 Vale Road, Wakefield, was arrested and charged with buying alcohol for minors.

Saturday, Jan. 29 - At 5:07 a.m., Matthew Ray, age unknown, of 34 High St., was arrested and charged with trespassing and disorderly conduct.

Sunday, Jan. 30 - At 3:53 p.m., Fernando Scarcelli, 29, of 8 Essex St., Salem, was arrested and charged on a warrant for a suspended license and probation matter.

At 7:39 p.m., Michael Burns, 20, of 49 Lupine Road, was arrested and charged with possession of a class D substance.

Monday, Jan. 31 - At 3:45 p.m., Angel Rosa, 41, of 352 Haverhill St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by concealing merchandise and possession of a hypodermic needle.

Tuesday, Feb. 1 - At 6:20 p.m., John Percival, 23, of 15 Charlotte Drive, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. His license had been suspended for operating under the influence.

## THEFTS

Tuesday, Feb. 1 - At 1:58 p.m., a man reported fraudulent use of his credit card.

## INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 26 - At 10:04 p.m., a man who was clearing snow at one of the churches reported two guys pulled up to him and asked him if he had any pot.

Thursday, Jan. 27 - At 9:48 a.m., the assistant principal at Andover High School reported finding a bag of an unknown substance, possibly marijuana, on the floor inside the school.

At 3:31 p.m., a resident complained that the sidewalks were not being cleared in the area of the Gulf station on Main Street.

Friday, Jan. 28 - At 3:50 p.m., a minor was summonsed for possession of alcohol.

Saturday, Jan. 29 - At 6:40 p.m., there was a report of a 16-year-old male involved in a snowmobile accident. He was transported by MedFlight to Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Sunday, Jan. 30 - At 3:06 a.m., a man reported another man pulled a knife on him on Longwood Drive. The man with the knife took off into an apartment building. At the time, police were unable to determine which apartment the man with the knife went into.

Monday, Jan. 31 - At 3:15 p.m., a woman was issued a summons for possession of a hypodermic needle.

At 3:58 p.m., someone reported that the railroad gates at the Ballardvale station are not going down. The person told police that the lights were still working even though the gates were stuck in an upward position. Police notified Amtrak.

Tuesday, Feb. 1 - At 6:57 a.m., a woman reported a male walking a dog in her neighborhood. She told police there was no one of the male's race living in her neighborhood as far as she knew.

At 1:25 p.m., someone reported a case of identity fraud over Ebay.

At 7:17 p.m., a woman reported a case of fraud. At 10:39 p.m., a resident reported that she was receiving harassing phone calls from a friend every 15 minutes.

## AUTO INCIDENTS

Saturday, Jan. 29 - At 12:02 p.m., a FedEx driver reported his vehicle had just been hit by a paint ball on Lowell Street.

Sunday, Jan. 30 - At 7:59 p.m., a man reported that paint balls were shot at his truck while he was traveling eastbound on Lowell Street.

Monday, Jan. 31 - At 9:43 a.m., the operator of a town truck was given a written warning for failure to grant right of way at an intersection after he was involved in an accident. There were no injuries, but two tow trucks responded to the scene.

Tuesday, Feb. 1 - At 5:22 p.m., a man reported checks stolen from his motor vehicle while it was parked at Shawsheen Plaza.

## ACCIDENTS

Friday, Jan. 28 - At 5:27 p.m., there was an accident with personal injuries on Stevens Street.

## VANDALISM

There were reports two of vandalism.

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## Rat race: Union targets Tocci

By Andrea Gregory

When Powdermill Square construction is complete, 60 condominiums will cover the site. But for now, there is the giant, blow-up rat.

Union members who were not hired for the job continue to picket the North Main Street construction site trying to draw attention to their complaints and disrupt work. Union members wear body-size signs saying "Shawnlee (the non-union carpenters group at the site) does not conform to community standards" while walking in circles at the entrances, blocking vehicles and slowing down traffic.

"It's been kind of hard for these guys to do a hard job and put up with this silliness," said John Tocci, owner of Tocci, the contractor hired by the developer Northpoint.

Tocci has regularly had to hire police details to man the entrance ways. Detail work to monitor a picket line has a special rate: double the normal rate plus 10 percent. Tocci is paying \$88 per hour per detail to have authorities at the site.

Tocci is no stranger to the union concept, and it's not just because he's dealt with picketers before. His father used to host union gatherings in his home.

But Tocci said that was a different time. His company started with Tocci's grandfather in 1922, and was later led by his father. When Tocci himself took over, he said it was the start of a new company.

He decided to use the open-market, claiming the pool of workers to choose from was larger. He said he has no reason limit his company to hiring all union subcontractors.

"Are community standards \$47 per hour?" said Tocci, who believes non-union workers on the site are making a "very fair salary."

According to Dave Borrus, organizer for the New England Regional Council of Carpenters, the issue is not about disgruntled workers, but about unfair practices that pass over union workers to cut corners, cheating the government and the people it does hire to do the job.

Harvard University released a study, *The Social and Economic*



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Union members protest the hiring practices at a condominium construction site off North Main and Stevens streets.

*Costs of Employee Misclassification in Construction* in December. The report says about one in seven construction employers are estimated to have misclassified workers. This means workers who should be getting W-2 tax forms, are given 1099 forms intended for independent contractors.

"Misclassified workers lose access to unemployment insurance and to appropriate levels of worker compensation insurance. Also, they are liable for the full Social Security tax. They lose access to employer-based benefits as well. For employers, the practice of misclassification creates an uneven playing field. Employers who classify workers appropriately have higher costs and can get underbid by employers who engage in misclassification," according to the report.

Tocci said he would not necessarily know if any of his subcontractors were engaging in tax misclassification. But the unions picketing also have no solid proof that anything wrong is taking place.

Two weeks ago, just after the giant rat appeared outside the project, Tocci threw a free thank-you lunch to show support for the workers on the job.

"You overcome the persecution

and difficulties and name-calling that goes on out there in the street," he said to the dozens of workers who huddled inside one of the unfinished buildings.

Workers on the project don't expect the union outside to let up. Borrus said despite the cold temperatures, the number of picketers has increased as other unions such as the bricklayers', electricians' and laborers' unions have joined the lines recently.

"It's something that we have to put up with. They have their rights. We have ours," said Project Manager Toni Cavallini. "Mostly, it's that we can't get into the project in a timely manner."

However, Shawnlee workers say because of their early start time, they tend to beat the picketers to the site. "They haven't really bothered us as much as they've bothered other people," said Thomas Bruey, a Shawnlee carpenter.

"They are out there doing nothing, and we are producing," said Peter Starace, another carpenter.

Neither one said they have any problems with the way they are paid or thoughts of joining the union.

Shawnlee Project Manager Bruce Alexander denies any tax misclassification in the company.

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# Education

Fee climbs \$600

## All-day K increase reduced

By Rita Savard

Superintendent Claudia Bach's initial proposed increase of \$1,250 for all-day kindergarten has been reduced to \$600.

Parents have been inundating the School Committee and Bach's office with phone calls and e-mails questioning the original fee hike that would have raised annual costs from \$3,750 to \$5,000. The 35-percent increase in tuition was intended to pay for the total costs to employ teachers.

"For the past several months, the plan was to ensure that we're covering not only salary, but health care costs as well," said School Committee Chairman Tony James. "If you're charging a fee for a service, you've got to cover all costs."

In 2003, the cost per student in Andover averaged \$9,252

annually, according to the most recent data available from the Department of Education. Pupil expenditure reports are formulated by calculating the combined costs of teacher salaries and benefits, administrative costs, operating expenses, supplies and facilities. Bach said it is most likely that Andover's figures now surpass \$10,000.

An itemization of costs was not made available at Tuesday's School Committee meeting.

The new proposed fee increase of \$600, which would raise tuition to \$4,350 this fall, is enough to cover teachers' insurance costs totaling \$130,000, said Bernie Tuttle, school business administrator.

"If we didn't have all-day kindergarten, there would be six less teachers and 12 less assistants," said Tuttle. "The fee

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FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Norah McCarthy, who watched over the construction and opening of Wood Hill Middle School, and Doherty Middle School Principal Floyd McManus will join former West Middle Principal Kathleen Hammond in retirement. Hammond retired last year.

## Building a new middle-school era

Retirements mean a complete turnover of principals systemwide

## Summer dreaming

Opportunities abound at PA fair

By Dorian Block

Last summer, Phillips Academy senior Cassandra Ornell learned about marine biology while in the Bahamas. She learned about building community links while in Costa Rica. And she was turned onto both programs thanks to the Summer Opportunities Fair at Phillips Academy.

During what must seem like endless days of snow, Phillips Academy thinks it's time for students to start thinking about what to do during summer vacation.

The school is sponsoring a Summer Opportunities Fair on Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. in the Commons Dining Hall on Salem Street. More than 70 summer program directors from local, national and international programs are expected to attend. It is open to middle- and high-school students and their families from throughout the Merrimack Valley.

Ornell entered a marine biology accredited program in the Bahamas, run by an organization called Broadreach.

"We got our advanced scuba certification within the first week, and completed about 15 dives over the course of the program. We also had scuba and snorkeling labs, and daily lectures on marine biology and tropical marine ecology," according to Ornell. "This was one of the best summer experiences I had ever had, and the diving was amazing. The program was run extremely well, and I would definitely recommend it."

Roxy Barry, director of the Phillips' Summer and Interim Year Opportunities office, said parents and students should start planning for the summer now.

"A number of opportunities will start filling up from now on," Barry said. "I think the more involved the parents get and see what sort of things are out there, they will help guide their kids for a productive summer. The experiences they gain

really help direct the kids in careers they might choose and colleges they might choose."

The fair, which the school advertises as "not just a camp fair," boasts representatives from academic enrichment, community service, art, sports, travel, outdoor adventure, international homestay and internship programs.

There will also be more than a dozen representatives for interim year programs, activities to fill the year some students take off between high school and college.

While many of the programs at the fair cost money, most of them offer scholarships. Some will also advertise job openings for older students attending the fair.

The fair's coordinator, Kelly Ornell of North Andover said her daughter Cassandra, received more academic direction and "more independence and responsibility because she had to travel on her own."

"The Rustic Pathways program in Costa Rica was an eight-day program of community service in the small village of Cano Negro. We rebuilt a decaying dock on the canal that the village was situated on, and built trails in the National Wildlife Preserve nearby," said Cassandra Ornell. "When we weren't working, we had the awesome opportunity to get tours from the locals in boats on the canals. This program was also really fun and rewarding."

The fair is free and open to the public. Kelly Ornell said she and other parents of students at Phillips Academy who sponsor the event try to make the fair "as open as possible," advertising to 80 local schools. Last year, the fair attracted 750 people.

For more information, call Roxy Barry in the Summer and Interim Year Opportunities office at Phillips Academy at 978-749-4480.

What's Up contributor Caroline Whalen contributed to this article.

### DOHERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL SEARCH

Florence Black, president of Doherty Middle's Parent Action Committee, said McManus is the No. 1 reason behind the school's consistent success in student achievement.

During Doherty's first full open house meeting of the school year, McManus received a roaring standing ovation by parents and faculty following his introduction, Black said.

"We're all heartbroken to see him leave," said Black. "Doherty has been a very successful school in many ways over the years. It's really a credit to the way Floyd directs the school and the parents. We're looking for somebody else like that."

Following a 14-year career at Doherty, McManus said his departure should not create too much change in his school's community.

"The essential ingredients for the school are going to be very much in place," said McManus, who has worked in middle schools for the past 34 years. "Teachers, parents and students are the main reason for the school's success. It certainly isn't

#### Faculty Focus Group

Wednesday, Feb. 9  
2:15 to 3:30 p.m.  
Doherty Middle School

#### Parent Focus Group

Wednesday, Feb. 9  
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Doherty Middle School

#### Resume Reading Week

Monday, Feb. 28-Monday, March 7  
School Administration Building

#### First Search Team Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 17  
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
School Committee Meeting Room

#### Second Search Team Meeting

Wednesday, March 9  
3 to 4:30 p.m.  
Conference Room,  
School Administration Building

#### Interview Week

Monday, March 14-Thurs., March 17

dependent on me. It's more of a community effort, so it should be business as usual."



Floyd McManus

### WOOD HILL MIDDLE PRINCIPAL SEARCH

Members of the Wood Hill Middle School community will miss Norah McCarthy — just as Bancroft Elementary School parents and students did before them when they through an involved party to bid her adieu.

McCarthy has been the first and only principal of Wood Hill Middle School, which opened in 2002. Before the school opened,



Norah McCarthy

she moved over from her position as principal of Bancroft Elementary School, to help oversee the fulfillment of educational needs during the last year of construction.

She has worked in Andover for 10 years, and said, even in retirement, she expects to remain a regular at Wood Hill Middle, helping in any way she can.

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By Rita Savard

A new era in middle-school leadership is about to begin, and the school system is getting ready for it.

Following last year's retirement of former West Middle School Principal Kathleen Hammond, the principals at Doherty and Wood Hill middle schools will step down on June 30. That means that all three top administrators at Andover's middle schools will have retired within one year's time.

The search for replacements at Doherty Middle and Wood Hill Middle has begun. School Superintendent Claudia Bach said the stream of applicants has been steady, and a timeline is in place to hire the replacements for Wood Hill Middle School Principal Norah McCarthy and Doherty Middle School Principal Floyd McManus. Denise Holmes was chosen last year as the new principal for West Middle School.

#### Finding a replacement

Both middle schools will meet with faculty and parents next week to develop leadership profiles and organize teams to help choose the new principals.

Wood Hill Middle's focus group meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the school. Doherty will hold its meeting on Wednesday, also at 7 p.m., inside the school.

Bach, along with Assistant Superintendent Marcia O'Neil will field questions and concerns from parents at each meeting about the skills, experience and attributes necessary for the next educational leaders.

Applications for parents interested in participating on search teams need to be submitted to their designated school offices by Friday, Feb. 11.

Each school will select a group of four parents, four teachers and two administrators to review resumes of potential hires. The dates for reading the applications are Monday, Feb. 28 to Monday, March 7.

An interview team will later be composed of two parents, two teachers and two administrators, who will select their recommended finalists for the superintendent's review.

Black has already filled out her application to hopefully secure a spot in the search process.

"I would love to be involved," said the mother of two, who has one child beginning eighth grade in the fall, and another entering the school next year.

"It's hard to build a bridge and be successful with both kids and parents," added Black. "I really admire a principal who can truly earn the respect of children in that age group. It won't be too easy finding a person who can replace Floyd, or continue on with all that he has accomplished."

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## ON CAMPUS

**Congressman Marty Meehan** has nominated 22 area students, including five from Andover — **Peter Accomando**, **Jonathan Hillman**, **David Ong**, **James Scully** and **Leslie Willey** — for admission to the US Military Academy at West Point, the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, and the US Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point.



**David Ong** was nominated to the US Military Academy.



**James Scully** was nominated to the US Naval Academy.

Meehan hosted a reception at his Lowell office Saturday, Jan. 29 for the nominated students and their families.



**Jonathan Hillman** was nominated to the US Military Academy.



**Peter Accomando** was nominated to the US Naval Academy.



Congressman Meehan with Leslie Willey of Andover. Willey was nominated to the US Military Academy.

**David Tanklefsky** of Andover was named a Chancellor's Scholar at Syracuse University.

Chancellor's scholarships at Syracuse are awarded to entering first-year and transfer students and recognize outstanding academic achievement. To receive a Chancellor's scholarship, students must have strong academic credentials in high school, be active in extracurricular and community activities, and demonstrate good character and citizenship.

Awards valued up to \$8,000 per year and are renewable.

Tanklefsky is enrolled in Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications majoring in broadcast journalism.

The following Andover residents were named dean's scholars at Syracuse University.

**David Baletsa** is enrolled in Syracuse University's L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science, majoring in computer science.

**Michael Shyu** is enrolled in Syracuse University's School of Architecture, majoring in architecture.

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The following Andover residents were inducted into the Syracuse University chapter of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society at a ceremony recently held in Hendricks Chapel on Syracuse University campus.

**Sheri Bernstein** is a sophomore majoring in marketing management in the Martin J. Whitman School of Management.

**Jessica Leider** is a sophomore majoring in health and exercise science in the School of Education.

Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society recognizes academic excellence and promotes scholarship among first-year college students. To qualify for membership, students must complete two full semesters of academic work and achieve a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale).

## SCHOOL TALK

The counseling department at **Andover High School** announced that **Marilee Jones**, dean of admissions at MIT, will be the guest speaker for parents and interested juniors next Thursday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. in the **Collins Center** at Andover High School. Jones will address how families can work together through the college admissions process.

Organizers said, "Because the process is more competitive today, it creates more anxiety for everyone involved, especially

parents. The role of parents and the challenges for students will be discussed. Parents from both Andover and North Andover high schools are invited to attend."

For more information, contact **Peggy Cain** at 978-623-8603 in the counseling department.

The **Andover Public Schools** will conduct a screening for preschool children in the community who are 3 and 4 years old on Friday, Feb. 4. The

screening is completely voluntary and available to parents who have a concern about their child's development.

Screening is conducted by members of the special education staff and provides information about a child's functioning in the areas of speech and language ability, fine- and gross-motor skills, and overall cognitive growth. Screening results help to indicate whether more specific information or evaluation in a particular area of development is needed.

Call the pupil personnel office at 978-623-8540 to schedule an appointment.

The next **Bancroft School Improvement Council** meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 15, from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. in the faculty lounge.

## LOCAL SCHOLARS

The following local student have been named to the academic honor roll for the fall term at Northfield Mount Hermon School, in Northfield.

Academic high honors went to **Toby Cohen** of Andover.

**Mairead S. Small Staid** of Andover, an 11th-grader at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H. has earned high honors for fall term. She is a third-year student at the independent secondary school.

**Dan Pappalardo** of Andover, a 12th-grader at Phillips Exeter Academy, has earned honors for the fall term.

The following residents from Andover recently achieved academic honors for the first quarter at Belmont Hill School:

**Andrew Jeffrey Liu**, high honors; and **Colin Pearce Hutzler**, honors.

**Sarah Cutts** of Andover, a freshman at Kimball Academy in Meriden, N.H., was named to the honor roll for the first trimester.

**E-MAIL ON CAMPUS & LOCAL SCHOLAR NEWS:**  
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## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Feb. 7-11:

## Elementary schools

**Monday:** Barbecue chicken with potato, corn on the cob, cranberry sauce, chocolate chip pancakes with sausage, pizza stick with soft pretzel, bagels and string, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Tuesday:** Spaghetti and meat sauce with roll, baked chicken nuggets, pizza ring, carrots, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Wednesday:** Mozzarella sticks with fries, nachos with taco meat and cheese, personal pizza, green beans, fruit, salad bar with garlic bread and milk.

**Thursday:** Chicken fajita with rice, french toast stix with hash browns, hot dog with fires, boxed breakfast, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Friday:** Sloppy Joes on a bun with fries, baked chicken nuggets, slice of pizza, chicken caesar salad with roll, fruit, veggie, vanilla pudding and milk.

## Middle schools

**Monday:** Lasagna with garlic bread, steak and cheese pocket, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Tuesday:** Barbecue chicken with potato and corn on the cob, chicken McSchool, spaghetti and meatballs, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Wednesday:** Chicken fajita with rice, chocolate chip pancakes with sausage, stuffed crust

pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Thursday:** Roast pork dinner, two toasted cheese sandwiches with chips, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie, white cake with frosting and milk.

**Friday:** Baked macaroni and cheese, chicken parm sub, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

## Andover High School

**Monday:** Roast pork with potato and corn, chicken, broccoli and ziti, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Tuesday:** Chicken fajita and rice, lasagna, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Wednesday:** Baked meatloaf with mashed potato, meatball sub, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and white cake with frosting and milk.

**Thursday:** French toast with sausage and hash browns, spaghetti and meatballs, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Friday:** Steak-and-cheese pocket with fries, baked macaroni and cheese, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Premium lunch choices are served daily at the middle schools and Andover High. AHS also offers a Courtyard Barbecue featuring grilled food; the Collins Center Café; Pastabilities; and a Market Basket cart with other food choices daily.

For prices or other information about lunches, call Karen Pappa, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

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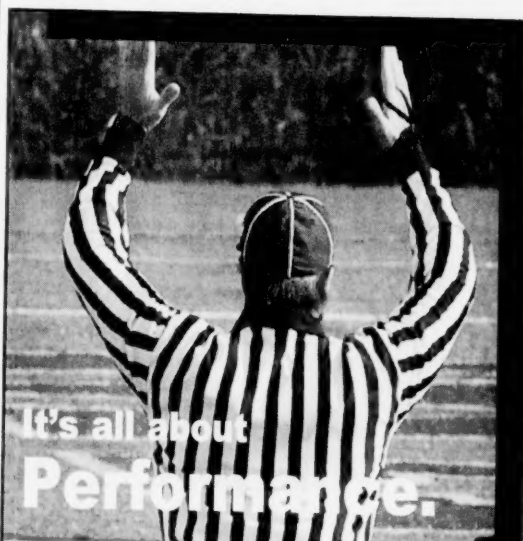
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# Opinion

## School learning not just for kids

ANDOVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE incumbent Christopher Smith says he welcomes a challenge by David Samuels and David Hastings because it could bring more attention to the issues facing the schools. Frequently, even parents are not aware of longstanding school issues until they affect their children. But learning about the stances of the three candidates during the next two months will help residents to elect the person who most represents their hopes for the schools.

We hope every resident will focus on the one contested election this year, the School Committee, because of the importance of education – but also because the school department will account for more than 40 percent of Andover's greater than \$115 million budget. The school race should hold interest for anyone who pays taxes and cares about the town's future – not just those with kids in the schools.

Choosing the next School Committee member has a direct impact on how the educational policies – and the educational spending – of the town will change.

### Web question

#### Are fees the best budget answer?

Last week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question was: Are you concerned about drugs in Andover? Should drug-prevention education be a top priority right now?

19 people voted.  
12 people, or 63 percent, said, "Yes. Other communities have experienced the loss of young lives to heroin, and the heroin-abuse rate is steadily on the rise. We should not wait to act until it is too late. Restoration of prevention programs and an officer in the high school is crucial."

2 people, or 11 percent, said, "Yes. But the best prevention education would be to give Andover youth a place to go on the weekends. Money spent on completing a youth center would be a better investment than police presence in schools."

1 person, or 5 percent, said, "No. By drawing attention to the situation, it is almost as if we are giving kids ideas to go out and try these drugs."

4 people, or 21 percent, said, "No. Andover has some problems, but heroin is not one of them."

This week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question is: The superintendent says her proposed hike in school fees will help prevent further cuts in academic programs. Is this a good idea?

• Yes. State aid for town schools has been level funded once again this year. Without an increase in fees, more vital programs will be cut, creating a much greater loss.

• Yes. But some of the fee hikes, like tripling the cost of student parking, seem outrageous. There must be another way to soften the blow by distributing the increases more evenly.

• No. We cannot keep raising fees for needs such as parking, transportation and all-day kindergarten. Alternatives, such as fundraising, would be a better way to bring in more money for schools.

• No. Fees have gone up in the past and academic programs have still suffered as a result. The schools need to get their act together and stop dipping into parents' pockets.

• Other.

To vote, surf to [www.andovertownsman.com](http://www.andovertownsman.com).

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### FEELING ALIVE ON SUNDAY



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Andover residents and workers are excited about this Sunday's Super Bowl. Some made sure "Mr. Eaton Drinks" was ready to root for the New England Patriots, as he is armed with a football hat, shirt and book. He keeps an eye out from the window of Andover Interior Designs in Olde Andover Village.

### LETTERS

#### MAJOR PROJECTS On spending, enough is enough

Editor, *Townsman*:

Isn't anyone else who pays taxes in Andover appalled at the idea of breaking ground on two new major projects (senior center and youth center)? How can we continue to spend as if funds are unlimited? Let's pay for what we have already committed to before we go out on another spending spree (such as the sewer expansion, safety center, teacher contracts, etc.). These capital projects *never* come in on budget, and they require money *forever* to operate once we build them. Where are the voices for fiscal restraint?

Steve Root  
Hidden Road

#### YOUTH CENTER Adults quiet, youth take lead

Editor, *Townsman*:

Kudos to the Andover Youth Action Council for being proactive and working within the Town's processes to find a possible way to create a youth center. These young adults have submitted a warrant article asking for funds from the NESWC payback (also known as the trash money) for the construction of a youth center.

The Andover Youth Council works out of a cramped third-floor office space in Town Offices with no larger space to call their own. Sadly it does not have a member of the current Board of Selectmen trumpeting its cause, as the seniors do for their new space. Nor did the Youth Council use the town-sponsored Department of Community Services catalog to argue the need for a new center the way the seniors did on page 25, stating, "A new senior center is a necessity not a nicety!" Instead, these young adults brainstormed an idea, wrote a warrant article, collected signatures, and plan to speak at Town Meeting, all in the name of creating a space for Andover's youth. These 17- and 18-year-olds will most likely not be the beneficiaries of their efforts since most, if not all, will be leaving Andover for college in the near future.

Andover's youth need a space to call their own. The issue of teenagers who have nothing to do and nowhere to go could be solved with support from Andover's town officials. I am proud of our young people and the way they are conducting themselves for their cause.

Kristin Wise  
8 Inwood Lane

#### School leaders must further target anti-union flyer

Editor, *Townsman*:

At the Jan. 18 School Committee meeting, Chairman Tony James condemned the controversial, anonymous flyer that appeared as a stealth weapon on the streets of Andover. The unsigned flyer contains an offensive attack on Tom Meyers, Andover Education Association president, and includes an inappropriate targeting of Meyers' children in a misguided attempt to disparage the union's

reputation. James said the committee "disapprove(s) of the conduct and behavior in relation to the flyer."

Will the committee publicly deny knowing the source of the flyer? If, in fact, the School Committee knew about the flyer before its release, it is not enough to disapprove, after the damage is done. By not placing sanctions on the guilty party, assuming the person is known to them, there is a tacit permis-

sion to use the same tactic again.

"With great power comes great responsibility." Failure to act responsibly in a timely fashion will erode negotiations, because the cowardly assault of an unsigned flyer has polluted the waters.

Charles Wettergreen  
931 Boston Road  
Bradford  
English teacher  
Andover High School

#### Smith could learn lesson from previous negotiators

Editor, *Townsman*:

I am writing in response to the Jan. 20 article in the *Townsman* that referred to an appalling personal-attack flyer on the Andover School Teachers Union, its president Tom Meyers and his family.

School Committee member Christopher Smith's presentation of this anonymous flyer to the Andover School Committee at a recent non-public executive

session is an unbalanced and scurrilous attempt to obfuscate the substantive contract issues and defame Mr. Meyers and his family. Smith appears to be unaware that divergent opinions are the benchmark of a democracy and the foundation of public debate. As an Andover resident and taxpayer since 1959, I often witnessed the integrity of Andover's elected deliberative bodies during rigorous public

debate. Throughout numerous bargaining sessions over the years, our elected officials always brought prudent and relevant facts to the bargaining table and discussed the issues openly and on the merits. But Smith is different.

Michael Meyers  
416 South St.  
(The writer is the brother of teachers' union president Tom Meyers.)

#### Schools must offer reasons for kindergarten-fee jump

Editor, *Townsman*:

My husband and I recently received the registration package sent out to all prospective parents of kindergarten-age children for registration for the 2005-06 school year.

As parents of a child that just missed last year's school year cutoff, and has spent four years in pre-school, we were anticipating sending our daughter to full-day kindergarten. Having some knowledge of the fees set last year, and reading the newspaper indicating there may be an increase of up to \$800, we were prepared (or so we thought) for the fees for the

upcoming school year. Suffice it to say, we were completely blindsided by the fees set for this year. Raising the fee by \$1,250, or 33 percent, caught us completely off guard. What was most disturbing, however, was the complete lack of explanation as to why the fees were increased by this outrageous amount.

Is it the assumption of the school board that the citizens of Andover are not worthy of an explanation? Is it an assumption that those who can pay, will? Unfortunately, speaking for my family and many of my friends, we do not fall into either cate-

gory.

We certainly understand that many items, other than teachers' salaries, are factored into the cost of the program. What would be helpful is to understand exactly what these factors are. We think it is an obligation of the superintendent and School Committee to inform parents of proposed or upcoming changes to any fees, and open a dialog for communication. More of an obligation, however, is to advise us *before* we receive a form letter in the mail.

Donna and Tim Dunn  
112 Colonial Drive

### THE THURSDAY FILE

If you observe a really happy man, you will find ... that he is happy in the course of living life 24 crowded hours each day.

W. BERAN WOLFE

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MARY CATHERWOOD

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BARBARA DE ANGELIS

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The Einstein quotation

It gives me great pleasure indeed to see the stubbornness of an incorrigible non-conformist warmly acclaimed.

The greatest risk is not to take any risks.

PATRICK LE QUEMENT,  
DESIGN CHIEF, RENAULT

#### Best quotation sent

Whatever course you decide upon, there is always someone to tell you you are wrong. There are always difficulties arising which tempt you to believe that your critics are right. To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires ... COURAGE.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

#### About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall's file can be found at [www.hudsonvanloo.ca](http://www.hudsonvanloo.ca), and it offers quotations such as these.



## LETTERS

## Lesson needed on pricey all-day kindergarten costs

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The full-day kindergarten fee has been set at \$5,000 for the 2005-06 school year, an increase of \$1,250, or 33 percent. This fee is equal to one month's pay for the median Andover household, or just over 8 percent of the household's after-tax total. The number itself is suspiciously round, as if it were not the actual cost of the program, but a number chosen in a brief discussion, a number that "sounded right" to those who selected it.

Where is this money going? At High Plain Elementary School, there are two full-day kindergartens, each with 20 students this year. These two full-day kindergartens require one additional room and one additional teacher compared to their needs if these 40 students were educated in the half-day program. Under next year's fee structure, they would generate \$200,000 in fees, or \$5,000 from each of the 40 students.

Does one extra teacher with benefits really cost the school

system \$200,000? It seems impossible. Until recently I worked for a large multi-national corporation that provided wonderful benefits, including a very generous pension and free health insurance for my entire family with a small deductible and no lifetime maximum. At that company, the cost of benefits (medical, disability, pensions, social security contribution, etc.) never exceeded 40 percent of salary cost. If the school paid the same 40 percent of salaries in benefits, there would still be \$120,000 of the \$200,000 collected to pay salaries. A single kindergarten teacher does not earn \$120,000 per year, nor do a teacher and an aide combined.

To take a more conservative look at the revenue, let's say 10 percent of the kids in full-day kindergarten are in special education and pay nothing, and another 10 percent are below the poverty line and pay \$500 — although how a family of four living on less than \$25,000/year would come up with \$500 for

kindergarten tuition is another question. Under this scenario, the total available revenue would be \$162,000. Subtract 40 percent for benefits, and there is still \$97,200 remaining — far more than a single teacher's salary, or that of a teacher and an aide combined.

If the money isn't going to salaries, where is it going? You can't attribute it to the extra classroom, because those costs are going to be there with or without full-day kindergartens. More gym? Extra art supplies?

I would like the school committee to explain how they came up with that \$5,000 cost. It can't possibly be legal to charge parents of kindergarteners more than the cost of the full-day program, and it is insane to have parents pay a full month's salary for their child to attend full-day kindergarten.

Please, let's not balance the budget on the backs of our kindergartners.

Chris Williams  
12 Cherrywood Circle

## Student: Meyers a dynamic teacher, union leader

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I found myself appalled as I read the article "Bitter negotiations" in the Jan. 20 *Townsmen*. The teachers in our town have been fighting a long and difficult battle for contracts, which they undeniably deserve.

However, my growing offense (this time) wasn't over the fact that the Andover School Committee refuses to give teachers credit where it is due. I am in disbelief over the anonymous flyer, distributed in Andover, which brutally attacks Tom Meyers, a loved and respected teacher at AHS.

The flyer claims that Mr. Meyers teaches less than 90 minutes each day, takes Starbucks breaks on school time, and "collects \$100,000 per year" in salary and benefits. Being Meyers' former student, I know for a fact that he teaches at least 60 percent of the time (as well as leading a teensy little thing called the teachers' union). Also, for someone who loves coffee as much as Mr. Meyers does, I have yet to see him during school hours with a Starbucks cup in hand. Rather, he refills his

ceramic white mug from a pot he makes each day in his office. Lastly, I wish nothing more than a \$100,000 salary for Mr. Meyers, however, this is a far cry from reality. Meyers surely deserves such; anyone who's experienced his compelling classes would agree.

It is ironic that the most offensive bit of the pamphlet exploited Mr. Meyers' family. The bond of child and parent could easily have been a topic discussed in our socio/anthropology class. How dare anyone deny the love a parent has for his children? I've had the privilege of knowing all three of Meyers' children — his love for them is poignant.

Apparently committee member Christopher Smith questioned Mr. Meyers' work schedule, and claimed AHS had to hire another teacher to make up for Mr. Meyers' hours not spent teaching. Perhaps Mr. Smith should tell the whole truth: Meyers nobly took a cut in hours and consequently, an excellent yet new teacher resumed her previously laid-off teaching position.

Mr. Smith suggests a review

of Mr. Meyers' work schedule? Go for it. And I'll raise him: Why doesn't he spend 10 minutes in the high school? In the cafeteria he'll observe valuable teachers wasting time; they're stuck on "cafeteria duty" instead of classes. He'll wonder how so many students fit into the room at all, as many of us eat our lunches on heaters and floors (there aren't enough tables, chairs, or breathing room — I haven't sat at a lunch table once this year). After he's checked out the cafe, he can find Mr. Meyers at any time during school.

I'll guarantee that if not teaching, Mr. Meyers can be found buried in teacher union work in his office. I would know — Mr. Meyers wrote my college recommendations and I've tracked him down uncountable times. Andover's team of teachers couldn't ask for a more dynamic and vocal leader. And if Mr. Smith can't understand his offensive faults, then I believe he doesn't deserve such a position on the School Committee.

Kate Jill Gladstein  
Launching Road  
Andover High senior

## CHARITY NEWS

Going to the net for Easter Seals  
Volleyball-for-charity event at Merrimack College

By Caroline Whalen

What's Up contributor

Searching for a way to have fun with co-workers? Looking for some exercise? Easter Seals might have the answer. Its "Volleyball for Independence" event will take place on March 9 and 10 at Merrimack College in Andover, and help raise money for disabled people in the area.

According to Easter Seals, it serves more than 110,000 people at more than 100 sites in Massachusetts. Its mission is to "help children and adults with disabilities expand their independence." Easter Seal's services range from job training for adults to summer camp for children. It also provides many health services to the disabled such as physical, occupational, and speech therapy, services that many could not afford without the help of Easter Seals.

The First United Methodist Church of North Andover has participated in the Volleyball for Independence for five to six years. Patti Coffill, the volunteer coordinator at the FUMC, has been organizing programs to raise money for Easter Seals for years. "One of my closest friends has been a speech therapist for Easter Seals, so through her, I know what great work Easter Seals does for so many different people. I know they are a great organization and they really make the

events fun to play in. I will continue to get teams together as long as I can and I'm guessing that will be for many years to come," said Coffill.

There is still time to sign up for "Volleyball for Independence." The volleyball games will be played with six to 10 players on each team.

Each team will play three 20-minute games in one 90-minute period.

The minimum entry for a 10-person team is \$350. The team could put together a fundraiser such as a bake sale to raise money. Teams that raise the most money have a chance to win Red Sox tickets, T-shirts, athletic bags, sweatshirts, or, the biggest prize, a victory banquet.

The minimum entry fee costs \$35 per member of a 10-person team. Easter Seals organizers say people will have some fun while helping local disabled people become more independent. The deadline for this event is the end of February. For more information go to [ma.easterseals.com](http://ma.easterseals.com) or call 1-800-922-8290 Ext. 331 (ask for Sarita) to register.

Other upcoming events include the Basketball Shoot Out for students older than 9. Students who raise more than \$500 can win a day with the Celtics.

Caroline Whalen is a student at Merrimack College.



## Wear Red Day tomorrow

## Employees wear heart support on their sleeve, more

Andover town and school employees are joining companies across the nation and wearing something red with jeans tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 4 to support the American Heart Association's Wear Red Day event and increase awareness of heart disease, the No. 1 killer of women.

On Wear Red Day employees donate \$5 to the American Heart Association so they can wear something red with their jeans on a designated day. Money raised will benefit research and education to help reduce the incidence of heart disease in women.

Wear Red Day is a component of Go Red For Women, the American Heart Association's national campaign to raise awareness of heart disease in women and encourage women to take charge of their health.

"For the town and school departments, we have many employees who are participating in the campaign because for them heart disease is per-

sonal," said Rita Marconi, Andover benefits manager. "Wear Red Day is an opportunity for everyone to remember their female friends and family members who have suffered from the disease. It's also a time for employees to think about their own hearts and take charge of their own health."

"The American Heart Association makes the event easy by providing everything we need in a tool kit. We just pick the date, collect the funds, and forward the proceeds to the association."

Alice K. Jacobs, American Heart Association president said in a release. "The town of Andover/Andover Public Schools and companies across the nation are really putting their passion into action by participating in the Wear Red Day campaign."

For information on conducting a Wear Red Day campaign, contact your nearest American Heart Association office or call 1-888-MY-HEART.



## FOR THE KID IN YOU

## Birds start calling home

Space launches became common in the 1960s. Great Britain and Canada joined the space club with the U.S. and Soviet Union.

The U.S. launched the first communications satellite, called SCORE, on Dec. 18, 1958. It stored voice messages on tape and broadcast them back to earth. President Dwight Eisenhower used it to wish millions of people, "Peace on Earth. Good will toward men."

The first satellite that bounced radio waves from earth back to earth was Echo 1, launched Aug. 12, 1960. Echo was a 100-foot Mylar balloon covered with a thin skin of aluminum.

Modern satellite communications began with Telstar's launch on July 10, 1962. It could receive a signal from earth, amplify it (make it stronger) and rebroadcast it back to earth. It received radio, television, fax and telephone signals.

The first TV picture sent through space was of an American flag, shot in front of the satellite's Earth Station in Andover, Maine. A huge antenna—more than 160 feet across—sent the picture to Telstar. The largest air-supported structure ever built protected the huge antenna from the weather.

Telstar 1 lasted eight months, but the rock-and-roll tune Telstar is still played on oldies stations.

Science fiction author Arthur C. Clarke is the father of the modern satellite communications.

Clarke had a vision in 1945. He wrote that a few satellites could spread television and radio signals worldwide. The satellites would go in very high orbits that match the earth's movement. These "geostationary" or "geosyn-

chronous" orbits make the satellite seem to be sitting still from earth.

That means antennas on earth that send or receive signals can aim at a fixed location.

The first bird that put this theory into action was Hughes Syncom 2, launched July 26, 1963. By 1969, three geosynchronous satellites provided almost worldwide coverage.

Canada launched Anik 1 (which means "little brother" in the Inuit language) in 1972. Canada created the first national satellite TV system a year later.

Many parts of the Canadian North were too remote to receive TV from ground transmitters. Anik brought TV to those areas of Canada.

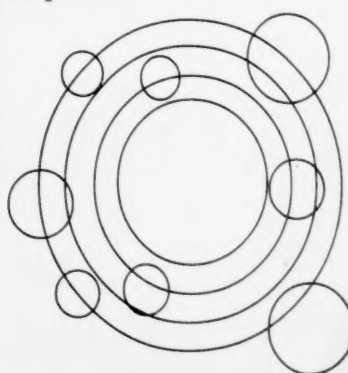
Today, satellites provide Internet links, TV programs and radio broadcasts from space to your car.

The dish antennas we use now to receive satellite TV are small, inexpensive devices that can be bolted to a home's porch or roof. Only very heavy rain or snow disrupts the signal.

Scientists still must solve one problem. It is the delay you see when two people talk on TV from different places far apart. The "path delay" is caused by the time it takes a signal to reach a satellite that is many thousands of miles above earth. It is about one second for each exchange but seems much longer.

Next week The Kid meets robots that visit other planets.

Count how many circles you see in this design.



Arthur C. Clarke first proposed the idea of putting satellites in orbit to spread radio and television signals around the world. He is shown here on the set of the movie "2001, A Space Odyssey," which he wrote.

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# Pamper Me Day sells out

Spa-like treatment for at-home mothers – cheap

By Judy Wakefield

It's a school bus-stop scene played out in many neighborhoods around town.

It's just about 8:30 a.m. and four moms are waving goodbye to their nine kids, who range in age from 6 to 11. Fred the bus driver maneuvers his usual three-point turn at the intersection of Barbara Lane, Germano Way and David Drive, located at the end of Osgood Street. He returns the parents' wave and is off, bound for Sanborn School.

For the next six hours, it's Mom Time. And one of the women has a great idea that has nothing to do with housework or figuring out the answer to that never-ending question, "Mom, what's for dinner?"

Tracy Callahan is armed with the latest edition of the town's Department of Community Services course book on this schoolday morning. There is an inexpensive offering for at-

home mothers in Andover.

DCS is offering Pamper Me Day, a three-hour splurge for women that includes facials, manicures and even a lunch is included. The cost is \$20. Pamper Me Day is Valentine's Day morning from 9 a.m. to noon at the Greater Lawrence Technical High School on River Road. Cosmetology students will handle the facials and manicures, while culinary students will prepare lunch.

The event is limited to 20 women, and Callahan's neighborhood foursome – Laurie Murphy, Amy Primak, Mary Hartnett and Callahan – will be there. Pamper Me Day, which has never been offered by DCS before, filled very quickly. In fact, it was the fastest-filling adult course this session. It is such a hit that two more Pamper Me Days were added for Feb. 16 and March 2, according to Mary Donohue, DCS director.

"Are we hip? Oh, yeah," giggled Donohue, who said her staff members frequently "bounce ideas off each other." That's how the Pamper Me event was launched.

"I went to a meeting with people from recreation departments in other communities and many of them partner with their local vocational schools. We thought it was a great idea," Donohue said. "Andover is fortunate to have the technical school right here in town."

Frank Vacirca, superintendent at Greater Lawrence, said community outreach is important to the school. Cosmetology and culinary students are happy to pamper Andover women, as it offers good training for their careers, he said.

"With our recent building expansion and renovation, it makes us able to take advantage of what we have and it's great to have our community here," Vacirca said.

The Sanborn-mother foursome is thrilled that DCS is finally tapping into their desires by offering a fun event for them during school hours when babysitting coverage is not required.

"So much of what DCS offers for adults is at night and you just never know if you can do, say, two or three Wednesday nights in a row," said Amy Primak.

They much prefer one-time happenings while the kids are at school.

"When Tracy told us about this, I said, 'Who's got the fax machine?' I wanted to sign up right away," laughed Mary Hartnett. "I agree that most courses (for adults) are at night and that's hard to get to. This one will be fun."



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

By the time elections roll around in March, the School Committee could still be dealing with a bitter contract negotiation session with Andover's teachers' union. Union members attended Tuesday's meeting, holding signs to protest that they do not have a new contract yet.

## 3-way School Committee race

### RUNNING FOR OFFICE

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with others in the race for town moderator."

Smith, the town's only incumbent who needs to campaign this year, said he welcomes the competition.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

Smith

Smith filed his nomination papers for reelection to the School Committee Tuesday afternoon, after receiving about 100 signatures. He hopes the political arena will help bring some attention to different issues confronting town schools and provide a better understanding of complex budget matters, he said.

"Unfortunately so many people write checks for property taxes and don't stay engaged in what's happening in schools," Smith said. "The need to continue to improve student performance and to return programs that have been lost due to budget constraints over the past several years is a high priority. The loss of programs at all levels, in many of the areas, is a direct result of a significant reduction in state education aid two years ago that has never been returned."

Samuels

One of Smith's challengers, David Samuels, is hoping to

offer ideas to help curb some of those budget woes.

Samuels, who owns a periodontics practice at 2 Stevens St., said he decided on Tuesday morning to try and gather enough signatures before the 5 p.m. deadline to challenge Smith.

The Andover dentist said he collected about 100 names in just two hours.

"Every year people ask me to run for different offices," said Samuels, who has two children at Andover High and one at Wood Hill Middle. "I thought that this year, the School Committee is where I can really do the most good. I see more kids entering the schools each year, and less programs and facilities to accommodate them. Finally, you have to stand up and say enough is enough."

Part of Samuels' political platform will address the benefits of corporate and private fund-raising to establish a private trust fund that would go "above and beyond" current funding from the town for schools, as well as avoid fluctuations in the town budget each year.

"If we have that kind of funding, we can give the teachers contracts they deserve, pay them the wages they earn and attract the top educators in the state," Samuels said.

A resident since 1990, Samuels is a charter member of the Andover Service Club and has coached youth swimming

for seven years.

Hastings

David Hastings, 52, is no stranger to town politics, having served 15 years on the Andover Affordable Housing Committee.

A top goal on Hastings agenda is strengthening communications between the School Committee, various town boards, the community and, especially, Andover's youth.

"Every part of the town has got to foster the development of young people," said Hastings, who has two daughters who graduated from Andover High and another currently enrolled as a freshman. "I want the educational services in town to provide significant opportunities for children, not just their educational development, but their emotional and social development as well."

Hastings hopes the youth will have a more active role in decisions concerning their future well-being, and considers the long-awaited town youth center an important priority.

"I want to hear from the town's youth, and I want them to hear from us," added Hastings.

A self-described "teenager at heart," Hastings has been involved with the high school music department for the past seven years, and has worked with the Merrimack Junior Theatre for 15 years. He served on the Affordable Housing Committee until 2003.

## Fees remain budget solution

### FEES

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fees relate to the release of Gov. Mitt Romney's budget proposal, which indicates that Andover will receive level funding of \$4.9 million in state education aid once again.

In 2002 and 2003, town schools received \$6.2 million, before funds were scaled back by 20 percent in 2004. The School Committee said the financial cuts are responsible for severing numerous academic programs, school faculty positions and extra-curricular activities.

"The devil is in the details," said School Committee Chairman Tony James, explaining that the committee was initially hoping for a long-awaited increase in state aid.

Romney's budget, unveiled

last Wednesday, added nearly \$100 million for public schools, a 2.7-percent increase that mainly covers schools' basic needs, such as cost-of-living increases for teachers' salaries. Chapter 70 funding (state aid), is distributed according to a municipality's level of need. On needs-based criteria, Andover is among the state's wealthier communities and is subject to less state aid.

With student enrollment expected to increase this fall at the high school, and the majority of educational resources already stretched thin, the School Committee is appealing to Andover legislators for help.

In a letter addressed to State Sen. Susan Tucker, and State Reps. Barbara L'Italien and Barry Finegold, the committee pleads for action to increase aid.

"Paying the price for all of

this is our children," states a portion of the letter. "We cannot continue to reduce valuable education programs and deprive our children of things so important to their development."

James said restoring lost programs including art, music, physical education, health education and library resources would cost about \$3 million. Unless more state aid is made available, none of those programs will be returned this year.

The School Committee and the superintendent will discuss the budget and fee increases in further detail at the next meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

"I don't do this (increase fees) with any happiness at all," said Bach. "We're just trying to sustain the programs we currently have. We can't afford to have our students lose anything else."

## All-day kindergarten increase

### FEES ADJUSTED

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increase will cover insurance costs for staff members directly involved in all-day kindergarten."

About a half dozen parents turned out Tuesday night to voice their frustrations over an increase in kindergarten fees.

Ann Weld, co-president of the Bancroft Elementary PTO, asked the committee why a breakdown of costs was not provided in a notice previously sent to inform parents of the hike. Letters sent to the *Townsmen* by parents before Tuesday's meeting raised similar questions (see Letters pages 8 and 9).

"With costs increasing at that rate, you will have people dropping off," Weld said, adding that her phone has been ringing off the hook with parents seeking to know why.

While many parents are outraged over the increase, others can see some benefit from it.

Before Andover schools

introduced all-day kindergarten, Shawsheen Extended Day had approximately 90 students enrolled in their program.

"Once the full-day kindergartens began, our enrollment dropped dramatically," said SHED director Sydney Bailo, estimating that 35 students presently attend the program. "Calls about enrollment inquiries have increased in the last week. For us, this is great news."

Also being "bombarded" by e-mail this week, School Committee member Dick Collins told parents that the decision to increase the fee was not made by the committee.

"This whole fee business really bothers me," Collins said. "I know money is tight, but these are public schools and kids shouldn't have to pay."

Collins' comment was met with applause from parents.

The superintendent told Collins that she accepted full responsibility for the fee

increase.

Committee member Art Barber proposed a policy that "the superintendent shall recommend fees as deemed appropriate" and "all fees shall be discussed in a regularly scheduled, public School Committee meeting before becoming active or collectable."

There are currently 245 students enrolled in kindergarten full-time. Those who are eligible for financial support, including all special-education students, do not pay fees.

The deadline to register a child in a full-time kindergarten class is April 1. An early tuition payment would drop costs from \$4,350 to \$4,100.

The superintendent warned that the fee could go up again next year.

"This is a program that pays for itself because you charge the fee," added Bach. "It is going from something that's not paying for itself to something that is."



PHOTO BY JUDY WAKEFIELD

Four Andover moms who can be found every school morning at the bus stop for Barbara Lane, will be dashing off Valentine's Day morning for Pamper Me Day. From left, they are Laurie Murphy, Amy Primak, Tracy Callahan and Mary Hartnett.



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# Townspeople

## ON THE SCENE

### Deal them in: Poker craze 'hits' Andover Service Club

*It all adds up to good night for charity*

**T**HE ANDOVER SERVICE CLUB was dealt a smaller-than-expected crowd, but the chips were by no means down at its Poker Night.

"They're clearly having a good time and that's what counts," said Enzo Fossella of Andover, club founder, enjoying the club's first-ever fund-raising poker tournament last Friday night. For more than 10 years, the club has been using such events to raise money for various programs that help youth and the mentally challenged.

**ON THE SCENE**

**Judy Wakefield**

Fossella strolled between the tables surveying the poker-faced and mostly male crowd of about 50 players. They were playing at the Lawrence Lodge of Elks on Andover Street in South Lawrence and very few of these card sharks would take their eyes off their cards or chips. Fossella said the intensity was a good sign, and a key organizer of the event agreed.

Mike Solomon of Methuen runs Poker Knights, a side business he started last October, and has watched mush-



Lauri Wanzek and Cheryl Johnson, both of Andover, were among the women who enjoyed the evening playing poker.



Brad Heim of Andover, former president of the Andover Service Club, was the trained dealer at his table, while his father-in-law and club founder, Enzo Fossella of Andover, keeps watch in the background.

**"It's not just the state, it's a national craze."**

**MIKE SOLOMON, WHO RUNS A BUSINESS CALLED POKER KNIGHTS, WHICH RUNS TEXAS HOLD 'EM CHARITY POKER TOURNAMENTS**

room ever since. Poker is sweeping the country, with games being aired on television, and Solomon has jumped on the craze. He works in conjunction with the Massachusetts Lottery System and is authorized to run Texas Hold 'Em charity poker tournaments throughout the state. Business is so brisk t h a t

Solomon is booked to run at least one tournament every weekend through May and said he could run more if he had the time.

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Service Club member Jerry Silverman and his wife, Myrna, posed near the 50-inch, flat-screen TV the club is raffling off. A winner will be chosen at the club's auction April 8 at Andover Country Club.



Kent Wanzek of Andover, vice-president of the Andover Service Club, serves as a dealer at his club's charity poker tournament.

## TOWN TALK

### Dialing for dollars

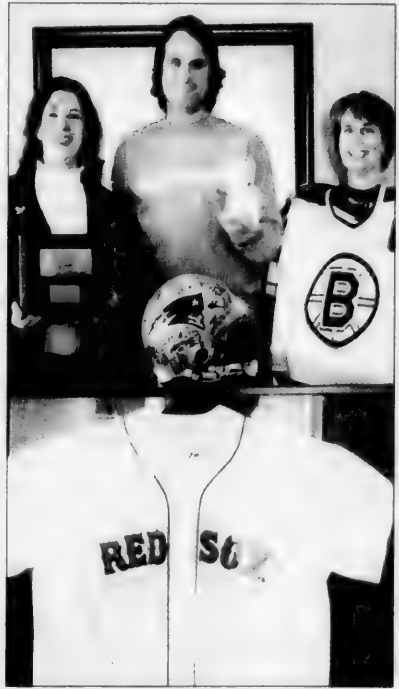
It's that time of year – again – as the Andover Youth Foundation's three-day telethon is under way. Callers started dialing last night, Wednesday, Feb. 3, with their donations and bids for various auction items.

Proceeds will help build the proposed privately-funded youth center. Volunteers are staffing phones on the stage at the Collins Center each night through Friday, from 6:30 to 9:30.

This is the third annual AYF fund-raising telethon. It is being shown live on local cable channel 8. Last year, organizers raised about \$120,000 for the Yvon Cormier Family Youth Center, to be built on town land in West Andover.

For more information, call Youth Services at 978-623-8241 or bid on the auction items listed on AYF's Web site, [andoveryouthfoundation.com](http://andoveryouthfoundation.com).

– Judy Wakefield



From left, Tracy Layne, Bill Fahey and Sheila Stone show some of the auction items: a Patriots helmet and Red Sox jersey, autographed by the respective teams, a Ray Bourque autographed Bruins jersey (from the last game he played as a Bruin), Johnny Pesky and Bill Mueller autographed baseballs, Larry Bird autographed piece of the parquet floor at Boston Garden, and a Rick Middleton autographed hockey stick.

### Take two – and hit to left

Andover resident Ernie Paicopolos (photo, at right) has been elected to serve on the board of directors of the BoSox Club.

The club, established in 1967, is the oldest and the largest fan organization in the country, he said. The BoSox Club is recognized by the Boston Red Sox as the official fan organization supporting Boston baseball.

Paicopolos also runs the Red Sox fan site "FenwayNation" ([www.fenwaynation.com](http://www.fenwaynation.com)).

According to Google Directory, FenwayNation has become the second-most popular Red Sox fan site, with more than 2.2 million hits last year.

### Shoring up the competition

Former resident Michael Tarshi knows sometimes all it takes is a great party to win people's approval. After all, it saved his team on the NBC-TV hit show *The Apprentice*.

Tarshi is one of 18 contestants giving it all he has on national television for a shot at a \$250,000 job as Donald Trump's apprentice.

In its third year, *The Apprentice* has created two teams, a "book-smart" team of college grads and a group of "street-smart" hopefuls.

Tarshi is a member of the book-smarts group calling itself Magna Corp., from the term *magna cum laude*. Tarshi is a Boston College graduate, who also attended the Pike School in Andover.

Each week the two teams face off in a challenge. Last week the task was to bring a Jersey Shore motel back to life.

Tarshi led the book-smart team to victory. Though the renovations were not up to par, a pool-side shindig kept the guests happy. The team won based on scorecards that guests filed at checkout time.

Although the other team's rooms actually looked better, fighting among team members held them back.

Tarshi, who was practically mute the week before, had much more to say last week. He even argued with one of his teammates, Verna. (The show is known for explosive debates.)

Verna ended up storming off – something predictable on such reality shows. But when she returned to the group, Tarshi welcomed her back, saying he had no hard feelings. Was it strategy – or is he just a nice guy?

The truth will come out, as each week the competition becomes more intense and somebody hears the famous last words from Trump, "You're fired!"

– Andrea Gregory



Andover resident Ernie Paicopolos (shown with son Adam in Trot Nixon's back yard, enjoying a game at Friendly Fenway), has been elected to serve on the board of directors of the BoSox Club. When he's not in the stands, Paicopolos runs the Red Sox fan site "FenwayNation" ([www.fenwaynation.com](http://www.fenwaynation.com)).

### Andover kids remember tsunami victims

Instead of buying Valentines, a fifth-grade class at West Elementary School will donate that money to a tsunami relief fund. And they aren't



Ben McQuaide and Jack Wilkie sold \$5 bracelets downtown last Saturday. Proceeds will go to a Red Cross-sponsored tsunami relief fund. The boys plan to be back in front of Old Town Hall this Saturday.

the only Andover youths whose hearts still go out to the victims of the month-old South Asia disaster.

A collection bucket has been making the rounds in the Wood Hill Middle School cafeteria to collect money for the same cause.

Meanwhile, because rubber bracelets are all the rage, Ben McQuaide, 12, and his friend, Jack Wilkie, 9, had red, white and blue versions made with the words "tsunami relief."

With help from their moms, Debra McQuaide and Pam Wilkie, they have been selling the bracelets at a table outside Old Town Hall for the past three Saturday mornings.

The boys said they first sold green "Wood Hill" bracelets for \$5 each, with proceeds going to a Red Cross-sponsored tsunami relief fund. When they sold more than 100 school bracelets, they knew they were on to something.

They ordered patriotic bracelets and moved their business downtown.

"When I saw the pictures of the kids and their families on TV, I wanted to do something and so do lots of kids," said Ben, a sixth-grader at Wood Hill Middle.

The boys will be back in front of Old Town Hall this Saturday, from about 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

– Judy Wakefield



## FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

## Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

**Boston Flower Show:** The center will sponsor a trip to the New England spring flower show at the Bayside Expo on Tuesday, March 15. This year's show will feature more than 50 landscaped gardens as well as a garden marketplace filled with more than 225 retail booths. Trip cost is \$25.

**Harlem Gospel Choir:** The senior center has a limited number of tickets available for the Harlem Gospel Choir performance at the Rogers Center on Saturday evening, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$14 if purchased through the center.

**Valentine Brunch:** The center will host Frank's Famous Valentine Brunch on Sunday, Feb. 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Selections will include omelets, home fries, bacon, a fruit and cereal station, assorted bagels, muffins and danish, chicken Marsala, beverages and a dessert station. Tickets are \$6 and are available on an advance-purchase basis only.

**Free Health Screening:** February is "heart" month and the Andover Senior Center will host a free lipid, glucose and blood pressure screening from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 13th sponsored by Dr. H. Manning Curtis and the staff at Heartsafe Cardiology. Appointments are not necessary, just stop by if you would like to take advantage of this great health opportunity.

**Chinese New Year Celebration:** Come join us as we usher in the Year of the Rooster on Thursday, Feb. 17 at 4 p.m. Enjoy entertainment by members of the Chinese Cultural

Exchange Group followed by a Chinese buffet supper. Tickets are \$5, available on an advance-purchase basis only. This event is usually sold out, so don't delay in signing up.

**Andover Chamber Music:** The center has a limited number of tickets (reduced price of \$15) for the Andover Chamber Music Series annual valentine concert, which will take place at the Rogers Center on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature the *Piano Quintet* by Brahms.

**Creative Cooking/Lunch Group:** Our creative cooking and lunch group will meet again Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 11 a.m. This friendly, fun group is open to anyone who enjoys watching someone else cook, sharing a few laughs, and sampling some good food. Our February menu will be stuffed beef, medley of vegetables, Edwardian potatoes,

and dessert. Cost is \$6; reservations must be made by Feb. 18.

**Brown Bag Lecture:** Join us Wednesday, Feb. 16 at noon when we will be joined by authors Joan and Leon Wilde, whose topic will be "The Bed And Breakfast Caper: Scenes That Inspired A Story." Come and enjoy a brief trip through England, illustrated with slides from their own collection. The presenters will take us to some of the locales that inspired their story including Wisley, Stourhead, Didcot and York. A book signing with the authors will follow the presentation. Cost is \$2; advance reservations would be appreciated.

**Massage Therapy:** Another great winter offering is our on-site massage therapist who is here on Monday mornings by appointment. Just \$12 for a 20-minute treatment. If the winter weather is aggravating to your neck, shoulders, back, etc., massage could prove to be therapeutic. Call the center at 978-623-8321 to schedule an appointment.

**Movie Matinee:** Our next movie matinee will be Monday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. when we will watch the recent release, *DeLovely*, based on the life of legendary composer Cole Porter. Reservations are not necessary; just stop in.

**Podiatry Clinics:** Home Health VNA conducts two monthly podiatry clinics at the center. Give us a call at 978-623-8321 for dates, times and appointments.

**Fix-It Shop:** Our fix-it shop will be open for business again on Monday, Feb. 14 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Our volunteers will be happy to take a look at any small appliance or household item in need of repair.

**Gift Certificates:** Gift certificates in all denominations are available at the Senior Center. They make a great gift for that hard to shop for person. Certificates are good for any program, class, trip, or special event offered by the center and may be used throughout the year.

**Tax Preparation:** Trained tax volunteers will offer help to prepare simple tax returns beginning Feb. 1. Call the center to make an appointment.

## ON THE SCENE

## SERVICE CLUB

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"It's not just the state, it's a national craze," said Solomon, who runs a vending machine company and a Methuen laundromat. "People are captivated by poker and I could do this every night of the week because of the interest."

Poker lovers who do not have the time to drive to Foxwoods often enter local tournaments where it typically costs \$100 to play, as it did last week in Lawrence. About 160 players is a good-size crowd and the top winner at such a game could easily win \$5,000. Solomon has run tournaments where the sponsoring charity earned \$8,000 to \$12,000.

"It's great money for charities in a short amount of time," he said.

Recruiting volunteers to serve as the card dealers at a charity table is never a problem. He runs dealer clinics a few days before a charity poker tournament and there are always plenty of takers for the crash course. Sponsoring groups are required to pull a permit from their respective town to run the poker event.

Solomon said he's not quite sure why Texas Hold 'Em is so popular these days – it just is.

"It's an easy game and all I can say is that everyone – from



Bill D'Innocenzo handled the bag of raffle tickets while his brother, Len D'Innocenzo pulled a winning ticket.

college kids to senior citizens – is playing," he said.

Service Club President Len D'Innocenzo of Andover was awaiting invoices at *Townsmen* presstime, so it was unclear how much money the tournament raised, he said.

He agreed it was a smaller crowd than expected, but added "it certainly was enjoyable for those who attended."

"The Service Club would definitely do it again," he said. "It was a lot of fun, especially for those who made the final round of eight in the tournament."

## Fish On! program packs 'em in

### Sixth annual February fishing program is at the library

Memorial Hall Library staff and the Friends of the Library continue their sixth annual month-long series of Tuesday evening fishing programs and exhibits related to fishing, with *FISH ON! ANDOVER 2005*.

The series will run weekly through Feb. 22. These programs will start at 7 p.m. and are free to the public.

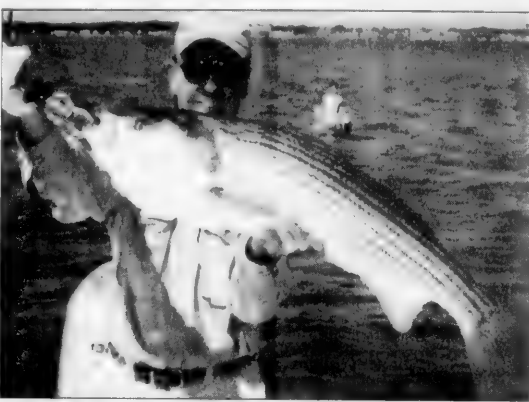
Last year, more than 500 fishermen, fisherwomen and children attended.

In addition to the speakers' program, a separate display room will be set aside for literature, catalogs, and magazines from selected manufacturers.

Interesting fishing equipment, flies, tackle, maps, and photographs will also be on display through the month, organizers said.

All fishing programs begin at 7 p.m.; fishing videos will screen at 6:30. All programs are free. The *Fish On! Andover 2005* schedule continues with:

**Feb. 8 – Fishing the Merrimack River** with Captain Charles Crue, owner of Channel Edge Charters, out of Newburyport. Crue has fished these waters



Captain Charles Crue, owner of Channel Edge Charters, is the next up on the library's fishing speakers' program.

for 20 years and will show slides and a video on techniques for catching striped bass and bluefish using light spinning and fly-fishing tackle.

**Feb. 15 – Game Fish Grand Slam** with Russ Vitallo, Massachusetts and New York fishing guide and TV fishing show host. Vitallo will show his latest video, on fishing for small-mouth and large-mouth bass,

striped bass, muskellunge and crappies.

**Feb. 22 – Salt Water Magic** with Mike Laptew, the Diving Fisherman. Laptew will present his newest underwater video showing blues, stripers, tuna and sailfish; and also footage of expeditions to Costa Rica, Long Island and Cuttyhunk Island in search of monster stripers.

## BIRTHS

**DOHERTY** – A daughter, Victoria Lee Doherty, born to Deborah Lee (Roberts) Doherty and Matthew John Doherty of North Andover, on Dec. 9. Grandparents are Henry and Lee Doherty of Andover and Paul Roberts of Reading. Great-grandparents are Ralph and Dorothy Camp of New London, N.H.

**HAHESY** – A son, Peter Andrew Hahesy, born to Andrea Georgian Hahesy and Paul Francis Hahesy of Topsham, Maine, on Dec. 26. Grandparents are Colleen and Ted Georgian of Andover, and Geraldyn and Paul Hahesy of Duxbury. Great-grandparents are Tarr Bosen of Portsmouth, N.H., and Edwina Cassidy or Revere. Peter joins big sisters Emma, 4, and Tess, 1.

**MORTON** – A daughter, Rory Grace Morton, born to Kerry Pulzer and David Morton, Jr. of Wellesley, on Jan. 18. Grandparents are David and Judy Morton of Andover, and Carol Hogan and Phil Thorpe of Stonington, Conn. Rory joins Caitlin, 10, Erin, 9, Connor, 7, Patrick, 5, Casey, 4, Owen, 3, and Devon, 1½.

**MUSTERAIT** – A daughter, Mallory Elizabeth Musterait, born to Todd and Shelley Musterait of Manlius, N.Y., on Jan. 4. Grandparents are Ron and Peggy Musterait of Andover, and Don and Bonnie Wagner of East Aurora, N.Y. Mallory joins big sister Madeline.

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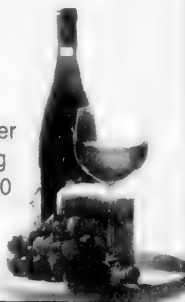
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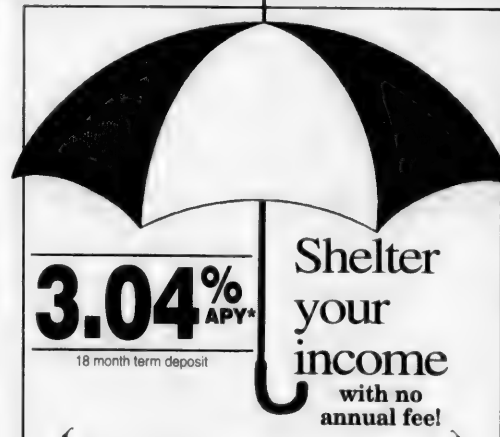
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## ENGAGEMENTS &amp; WEDDINGS

## James-Spinelli

Marianne and David James of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan E. James, to Raymond N. Spinelli. He is the son of Laureen A. Spinelli of Avon, Conn. and Raymond J. Spinelli of Canton.

Ms. James is a business analyst at Citigroup in Hartford, Conn. She graduated from Andover High School in 1992 and Providence College in Providence, R.I. in 1996.

Her fiancé is a business analyst at "The Hartford" in Hartford. He graduated from Farmington (Conn.) High School in 1990, and Fordham University in New York in 1994.

The couple plan a September wedding.



Raymond N. Spinelli and Susan E. James

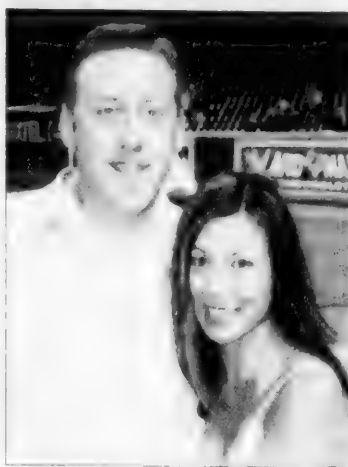
## Phan-Murphy

Chau and John Phan of Houston, Texas announce the engagement of their daughter, Lien Tu Phan, to Kyle P. Murphy. He is the son of Wendy E. Murphy of Andover and Laurence M. Murphy of Salem, N.H.

Ms. Phan is a sales representative with Campbell Sales Co.

Mr. Murphy is a firefighter for the town of Andover.

The couple plan a March wedding.



Kyle P. Murphy and Lien Tu Phan

## Cadillac-Sciabarrasi

Leah Rachel Sciabarrasi, daughter of Judith and James Sciabarrasi of Andover, and Ian Towne Cadillac, son of Alison and Ronald Cadillac of West Yarmouth, were married on Sunday, Oct. 10, at the Langham Hotel in Boston.

The bride graduated from Brandeis University in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in politics, and is currently an associate at Crestwood Advisors.

The groom graduated from Brandeis University in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in economics and history, and is an economic analyst with ERG.

The couple honeymooned in the Panama rainforest and now live in Andover.



Ian and Leah Cadillac

## Brady-Ihrig

Dr. and Mrs. B. Eugene Brady of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin M., of New York City, to Jeffrey R. Ihrig, also of New York City. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Ihrig of Williamsville, N.Y.

Ms. Brady is a graduate of Andover High School, Salve Regina University, Newport, R.I. and the Gemological Institute of America in New York City. She is employed as a gemologist by Gumuchian's in New York City.

Her fiancé graduated from Williamsville South High School in Williamsville, N.Y. and Denison University in Granville, Ohio. He is a senior mortgage lending officer with HSBC in Melville, N.Y.

The couple plan a May wedding in Newport, R.I.



Kristin M. Brady and Jeffrey R. Ihrig

## Afarian-O'Soro

Jennifer Elizabeth O'Soro and Gregory Katcher Afarian were married Aug. 21 at Saint Gregory's Armenian Church in North Andover.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Soro of Reading. She is a graduate of Plymouth State College and is employed by Atkinson Elementary School in North Andover.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Katcher Afarian of Andover. He is a graduate of Fitchburg State College and is employed by Interate Mortgage Corp. in Methuen.

After a honeymoon to Curacao and Aruba, the couple live in North Andover.



Jennifer and Gregory Afarian

## Martin-Papazian

Alexa Gail Papazian and Ryan Stephen Martin were married Oct. 16, 2004 at St. Gregory The Enlightener Armenian Church in White Plain, N.Y. with the Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Papazian of Greenwich, Conn. She is a graduate of Mamaroneck High School and Union College.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin of Andover, and Pam Garavano of Andover. He is a graduate of Governor Dummer Academy and Union College and is in sales, employed by Credit Sights.

After a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple live in Larchmont, N.Y.



Ryan and Alexa Martin

## Scafidi-Pierog

Heather Sidley Pierog, daughter of Frances Sidley Pierog of Andover and the late Stephen Pierog, and Edward Thomas Scafidi, son of Anthony and Sandra Scafidi of Northboro, were married ocean-side in Pompano Beach, Fla. on Dec. 31.

The bride and groom are both employed at Tennessee's Restaurant in Milford.

After a honeymoon in Aruba, the couple live in Framingham.



Heather and Edward Scafidi

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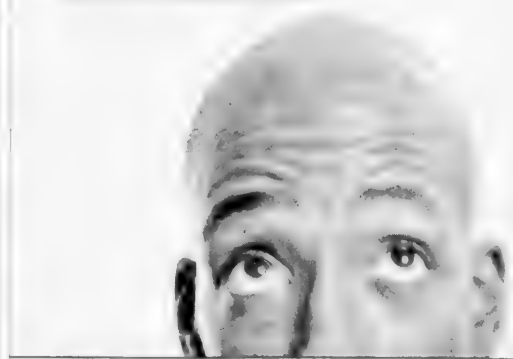
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## OBITUARIES

## Brian M. DeSalvo

*After snowmobiling accident in Andover*

Brian Michael DeSalvo, 16, of Lawrence, died Saturday, Jan. 30 as a result of injuries sustained in a snowmobiling accident near Poms Pond in Andover.



Brian Michael DeSalvo

Born in Lawrence, Mr. DeSalvo was a student at Central Catholic High School and enjoyed baseball, music, computers, fishing and doing construction work with his father.

Members of his family include his parents, Michael and Mary (Surette) DeSalvo of Lawrence; sister, Samantha Lee DeSalvo of Lawrence; paternal grandparents, Sam and Elaine DeSalvo of Wells, Maine and formerly of Andover; maternal grandmother, Rosemary Surette of Andover; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 2 from 3 to 8 p.m. at Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated today, Thursday, Feb. 3 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover.

Burial will be in St. Augustine Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Brian M. DeSalvo Memorial Fund, c/o Lawrence Savings Bank, 342 N. Main St., Andover, 01810; or Central Catholic High School, 800 Hampshire St., Lawrence, MA 01841.

## Arnold Everett Schofield

*Punchard '43 grad grew up in Ballardvale*

Arnold Everett Schofield, 79, of Palm Bay, Fla., died Sunday, Jan. 9 at Palm Bay Hospital.

He was born in North Andover and grew up in the Ballardvale section of Andover.

He was a graduate of the former Punchard High School, Class of 1943, and Merrimack College in 1953.

As a US Army veteran of World War II, he served as a corporal in Company A, 87th Chemical Mortar Battalion in the European Theater and received five battle stars for his participation in D-Day, invasion of Normandy, Battle of the Bulge, and invasions of Germany and Czechoslovakia.

He was employed as a Scout executive with the Finger Lakes Council, BSA, Geneva, N.Y., and was a retired Erie Canal lock keeper with the New York State Department of Transportation.

In 1990, he and his wife, Yolanda, became residents of Palm Bay, moving there from Geneva.

He was an active member of the Coast Guard auxiliary and a past Masonic Master and mem-

ber of the Melbourne Azan Shrine Temple.

Members of his family include his wife of 48 years, Yolanda Schofield of Palm Bay; brother, Ainslee L. Schofield of Brewster; and a sister, Harriet S. Kristenson of Venice, Fla.

A memorial service was held in Florida and his ashes will be buried in Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Care Center of Melbourne, 1430 Pine St., Melbourne, FL 32935; or to the Shriners Hospital, 12501 North Pine Drive, Tampa, FL 33612-9499.

## Lucienne T. Nault

*Longtime area resident*

Lucienne T. (Nadeau) Nault, 90, of Andover, died Friday, Jan. 28 at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

She had been a local resident for the past 42 years.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Parish.

Arrangements were by Racicot Funeral Home, 256 Broadway, Lawrence.

## Lester E. Harris

*Retired engineer enjoyed coaching; was active at Free Christian Church*

Lester Eugene "Les" Harris, 75, of Andover, died Wednesday, Jan. 26, at home surrounded by his loving family.

Mr. Harris was born in Millinocket, Maine.

He was a member of the IEEE engineering association and worked for Sylvania Electric in Buffalo, N.Y. until moving to Andover in 1967.

In Massachusetts, he worked for and retired from Avco (Textron). He later worked as a consultant for Dynamics Research Corp. at Hanscom Air Force Base.

Mr. Harris was an active member of the Free Christian Church. He coached youth church league basketball. He also enjoyed coaching Little League baseball in Andover and serving as adviser for the Twilight Twirlers Teen Square Dance Club.

Members of his family include his wife, Joyce (McIntosh) Harris of Andover; children, Gwen M.H. Bailey of Stoughton, Cheryl J. H. Newton of Randolph, and Eugene R. Harris of Groton; sisters, Dorothy Pratt of Orono, Maine, Marian Comstock of Millinocket, Maine; brothers, Ralph E. Harris of Olympia, Wash.; twin sister, Lucille Vaas of Ashland, Ohio; five grandchildren; and 10 nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 5, at 11 a.m. at Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St., Andover.

Family members said she was an excellent and untiring caregiver for both her mother, Ruth Shaw Lauder, who died Feb. 2, 1996, and for her father, Gordon B. Lauder, who died March 22, 2004.

Both of her parents died at their home on Hutchinson Island in Jensen Beach, which had been their winter residence since 1986.

Ms. Byron was a fan of the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots. She was very interested in investing and belonged to the Money Paper

Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Building 9, Lawrence, MA 01843; Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St., Andover, 01810; or to the Parkinson's Support Group, c/o the Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., Andover, 01810.

## Scott D. Martin

*Was well-known local carpenter*

Scott Douglas Martin, 45, formerly of Washington Avenue in Andover, died unexpectedly in Kentucky.

Mr. Martin was the owner of Creative Carpentry, a well-known contracting business in the Merrimack Valley area.

Born in North Reading, he graduated from Medfield High School in 1977 and continued his education in advanced computer programming. His family said he was a devoted father to his two children, an avid cook, enjoyed gardening, and was a computer guru.

Members of his family include his children, Douglas and Lauren Martin, formerly of Andover; his mother, Elizabeth Larrabee of Newton; his father, David Martin of Middletown, R.I.; sisters, Nancy J. Martin of Gilroy, Calif., and Michele J. Martin of Newton and formerly of Methuen; a brother, Bradford W. Martin and his wife Kerry Ann of Salem; and three nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Burial will be Saturday, Feb. 5 at 11 a.m. at the Ridgewood Cemetery, North Andover.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. at the Chapel of Newton Cemetery, 791 Walnut St., Newton Center.

## Kathy L. Byron

*Native of Andover was a nurse at MGH*

Kathy Lauder Byron, 56, of Jensen Beach, Fla. and Hampton, N.H., died Tuesday, Jan. 18, at her home in Jensen Beach.

A native of Andover, she and her family moved to Jensen Beach in 1988.

She attended the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where she was known as Allison, and where she graduated with a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

She went on to obtain a master's degree in nursing from Boston University. She worked as a nurse at Massachusetts General Hospital and then taught at several nursing schools in the Boston area, including the New England Deaconess Hospital.

While raising her son, Steve, in Jensen Beach, Ms. Byron worked for the Visiting Nurse Association and at a Port St. Lucie Hospital, until a work-related accident in 1993 resulted in a disabling back injury that ended her nursing career.

Family members said she was an excellent and untiring caregiver for both her mother, Ruth Shaw Lauder, who died Feb. 2, 1996, and for her father, Gordon B. Lauder, who died March 22, 2004.

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Dorothy I. Sipsey, 82  
Edward B. Smith, 85  
Wesley Whitney, 78

## DEATHS ELSEWHERE

**RICHARDSON** — Russell E. Richardson, 77, of North Grafton, died Saturday, Jan. 29 after an illness. Members of his family include his son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Susan Richardson and grandchildren, Christine and Andrew Richardson, all of Andover.

**SIPSEY** — Dorothy I. Sipsey, 82, of North Andover, died Tuesday, Jan. 25 at home. Mrs. Sipsey worked for the Andover

Public Schools, where she served as a teacher, team leader, instructional specialist and program adviser for language arts, a position she held until her retirement.

**SMITH** — Edward B. Smith, 85, of Haverhill, died Thursday, Jan. 27 at Anna Jacques Hospital in Newburyport. He formerly worked at Woodworth Cadillac in Andover.

## OBITUARIES ARE SUPPLIED BY FUNERAL HOMES AND FAMILY MEMBERS

Investment Group.

She was also a member of the American Association of University Women, where she had worked to administer a scholarship fund established in memory of her mother.

In addition to her son, Steve Byron, now a law student at Syracuse University College of Law in Syracuse, N.Y., members of her family include her brother, Keith F. Lauder, an international pilot for AvCraft; her sister, Leona L. Lauder and her sister's husband, George M. Schwab, of San Francisco, Calif.; a niece and a nephew; an aunt and an uncle; and many dear friends.

Memorial and funeral services are to be held in New Hampshire and in Massachusetts at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Pain Foundation, 201 N. Charles St., Suite 710, Baltimore, MD 21201; by phone at 410-783-7292, Ext. 224 (Barbara Friedman); and online at www.painfoundation.org.

Arrangements were by Aycock Funeral Home, 950 Jensen Beach Blvd., Jensen Beach.

## George M. Moss

*Retired VP at Manzi Electric*

George M. Moss, 84, of Andover, died Wednesday, Jan. 26 at Lahey Clinic in Burlington.

He retired as vice president of Manzi Electric Corp. where he worked for 32 years before retiring in 1986. He was an expert in mass transportation construction, working with Comstock-Manzi and the MBTA.

Born in Lowell, Mr. Moss served in the Army during World War II in the European Theater.

He was the widower of Anne V. (Smolich) Moss.

Members of his family include daughters, Anne Low and her husband Barry, and Karen Moss; sons, George Moss, Mark Moss and his wife Victoria, and Richard Moss and his companion Clark; five granddaughters; a great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also the father of the late Gregory Moss.

Arrangements were by Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

## Ruth G. McCormick

*Family owned drug store*

Ruth G. (Campbell) McCormick, 84, of Lawrence, died Saturday, Jan. 29 at Sunbridge Colonial Heights Nursing Home.

Born and educated in

Andover, Mrs. McCormick was a homemaker and for many years helped with the family business, Patrick's Drug Store, alongside her husband.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Church and St. Patrick's Sodality, and a past member of many organizations in the Merrimack Valley.

She was a very loving and devoted "nana" to all her grandchildren, whom she traveled everywhere with and were her greatest joy, her family said.

She was the widow of Arthur J. McCormick.

Members of her family include two sons, Arthur McCormick Jr. of Middleton, and John A. McCormick of Hollywood, Fla.; two daughters, Gail Winning and her husband Joseph of Methuen, and Kathleen Bozek and her husband Joseph of Lawrence; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

## Mary E. McNeill

*Christ Church member*

Mary E. (Wells) McNeill, 95, of Andover, died Tuesday, Feb. 1 at the Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover.

Born, raised, and educated in Baltimore, Md., Mrs. McNeill graduated from Eastern High School in Baltimore. She was a member of Christ Church in Andover.

She was the widow of LeRoy McNeill.

Members of her family include a son, Douglas W. McNeill and his wife, Norma, of Atlanta, Ga.; a daughter, A. Elizabeth Broadus and her husband, Edward J. of Andover; a sister, Christine Walter of California; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

There are no calling hours. Private burial will be held in Baltimore.

Arrangements are by Arthur J. Scott Funeral Home, 298 S. Broadway, Lawrence.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ Church, 25 Central St., Andover, MA 01810.

## Joan R. Macklin

*Calling hours are today*

Joan R. (Breen) Macklin, 84, died Sunday, Jan. 30, at her home in Andover.

Born Johannah Rita Breen in Lawrence in 1920, the daughter of Irish immigrants from County Kerry, she graduated from St. Lawrence's Grammar School and Lawrence High School, Class of 1937.

She worked as a laboratory technician in the Climatic Research Laboratory of the Pacific Mill in Lawrence. She also worked as a sales clerk at Kresge's department store in Lawrence.

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and a member of St. Augustine Parish in Andover.

Prior to living in Andover, she resided with her family in North Andover, where she was a member of St. Michael's Parish.

Members of her family include her husband of 53 years, Leo R. Macklin; son, Michael Macklin of Boston; two daughters, Jane, wife of Richard Mor-

rissey, of Andover and Maureen, wife of Peter Trahon, of Ashburn, Va.; four grandchildren including Patrick and Kelly Morrissey of Andover; a sister, Noreen Wrenn of Haverhill; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 4, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Michael's Church in North Andover. Burial will follow at the Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover.

Family and friends may call today, Thursday, Feb. 3, from 2 to 7 p.m. at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home Inc., 35 Merrimack St., North Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Michael's Memorial Fund, 196 Main St., North Andover, MA 01845; or to the St. Augustine Parish Building Fund, 43 Essex St., Andover, 01810.

## Theresa G. Ferris

*Calling hours are today*

Theresa G. (Laferriere) Ferris, 72, of Andover, died Monday, Jan. 31 at home.

Born in Lowell, Mrs. Ferris lived in Greater Lawrence her whole life and attended St. Patrick Church in Lawrence.

She was a former member of the Socialites in Andover.

She was the widow of Thomas Francis Ferris.

Members of her family include her children, Maureen Cerullo and her husband Michael of Key West, Fla., Robin Ferris of Salem, N.H., Thomas F. Ferris Jr. and his wife Teresa of Methuen and Shaun Ferris and his wife Linda of Windham, N.H.; and nine grandchildren.

Calling hours are today, Thursday, Feb. 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Hart-Wallace Funeral Home, 107 S. Broadway, Lawrence.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 4 at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick Church, Lawrence.

Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, North Andover, at a later date.

## Wesley Whitney

*Former ZBA chairman*

Wesley Whitney, 78, a former resident of Andover, died Tuesday, Jan. 25 in Denver, Colo.

Mr. Whitney lived in Andover from 1969 to 1994 and was a member of South Church where he had filled several leadership roles including chairman of the board of trustees.

He served for 16 years on the Town of Andover Zoning Board of Appeals and was chairman for eight of those years.

Mr. Whitney was a corporate attorney for General Electric, working in the company's offices in Wilmington and Fitchburg.

Members of his family include his wife of 56 years, Lois Ann Whitney; a brother, David Whitney; a son, James Whitney of Alaska; a daughter, Carolee Burnell of Arvada, Colo.; and two grandchildren.

Burial will take place tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 4 in Ft. Logan National Cemetery in Denver.

A memorial service will be held at the Covenant Village Fellowship Center on Saturday, Feb. 5 at 2 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Metro Denver or Covenant Village of Colorado Benevolent Care Fund.

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# Sports

## AHS ROUNDUP

# What a foe we have in Central

Raiders snap girls gym streak at 51; chill boys hoop; and knock girls hoop from the undefeated

By Rick Harrison

There have certainly been happier weeks at Andover High during the 2004-'05 winter sports season.

But recently, within the space of 24 hours, three Central Catholic teams made life miserable for their AHS counterparts.

The Raiders handed the locals their first loss in girls basketball, snapped a 51-meet win streak in girls gymnastics and probably knocked the boys hoop team out of the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 title picture.

On a brighter note, the Andover boys and girls track, girls alpine ski and girls and boys ice hockey teams continued to roll along.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

The latest of many lengthy Andover High girls basketball win streaks came to a screeching halt when Central Catholic — a very tough team on its home court — withstood a late charge by the Lady Warriors to register a 63-55 victory in Lawrence.

AHS did bounce right back, however, to defeat Merrimack Valley Conference Division 2 leader Billerica, 67-45, Tuesday night at the Dunn Gym.

The split left the locals at 13-1 overall, including 9-1 for a tie atop the MVC 1 standings with Central Catholic.

Lowell is also in strong title contention, two games back with an 8-3 MVC 1 mark.

The Lady Warriors have posted wins this season by blowout 44, 41, 30, 27, 23, 22 and 20-point margins.

The 13 wins boost coach Jim Tildsley's spectacular career record at AHS to 196-30 in 10 years, as the countdown to milestone victory No. 200 continues.

## Schedule

Andover played the makeup of a recent snowed-out game last night (Wednesday), after *Townsmen* presstime, at non-league Arlington Catholic.

This evening the Lady Warriors play their third game in three nights when they travel to winless Methuen (7:30 p.m.).

A key game is on tap next Tuesday night at Lowell (7:30), and the MVC season concludes next Thursday (Feb. 10) with a home game against Haverhill at the Dunn Gym (7:30).

## Scoring leaders

With a team-high 181 points through the first 14 games this season, Jackie Powers has boosted her three-year total to 638.

Maggie Cosgrove has 159 points and Meghan Thomann 140 through 14 games.

## Central Catholic 63

### Andover 55

The Lady Warriors, who handed Central its only MVC loss (47-35) at the Dunn Gym on Dec. 17, couldn't duplicate the feat in the rematch at the CCHS Auditorium.

"We're 1-4 over there the last five years (only win 52-50 in 2001)," said Tildsley. "It's a tough gym for visiting teams."

Andover once again got off to a slow start, falling behind 6-0 almost immediately and trailing 16-4 with 11:43 left in the first half.

Although the locals did recover, their first loss was due in large measure to a wide disparity in fouls called and trips to the free throw line by each team.

Andover was whistled for 30 personals and Central for half as many (15).

The host Raiders went to the stripe 39 times and made 26, while AHS was just 6-for-9 at the line.

Team scoring leader and Capt. Jackie Powers was saddled with foul troubles virtually the entire game, being forced to sit out almost half the contest before eventually fouling out.

When the game ended, four other Andover players had four fouls.

"I'm upset with the loss but happy with how hard we played right to the end of the

game," said coach Tildsley.

"Central is bigger, stronger and it's a senior-laden team. They're very physical and in the tournament they'll be tough to beat.

"If we play them again we'll do a few things differently," vowed Tildsley. "We should have gone to the full-court press and trap earlier."

After falling behind 16-4, AHS used a 13-3 run in the next four minutes to trim the deficit to 19-17.

The Lady Warriors finally pulled even at 26-26 before Central recorded two baskets on putbacks to take a 30-26 lead at the half.

Trailing by five points with 11 minutes to play in the game, AHS hit a cold spell and suddenly found itself behind by 14 with four minutes remaining.

The two-time reigning Eastern Mass. Division 1 champs scratched and clawed their way back within six with 39 seconds left.

A steal got them the ball — but that proved to be the last gasp as they lost possession on a turnover seconds later.

"Central out-rebounded us big time, 34-13, and we have to do much better on the boards to be effective," said Tildsley.

"They also had 32 turnovers to our 13. When they commit 32 turnovers we should beat them.

"But the discrepancy at the free throw line was a huge factor," said Tildsley. "We just couldn't get any rhythm going."

Andover hit 33 percent of its three-pointers (7-for-21) and shot 32 percent overall from the floor. Central connected on 43 percent of its shots.

AHS finished with a 20-18 edge in field goals, but the Raiders' 22-6 scoring advantage at the foul line was too much to overcome.

"When the game ended Central celebrated like it was the state title game," said Tildsley. "In a way it's a compliment to us — and I can't blame them because they wanted so badly to beat us. But it was also annoying."

"It's OK, though. We'll bounce back."

Freshman guard Meghan Thomann paced Andover with 16 points, which included four treys, while sophomore guard Maggie Cosgrove contributed 13 points, eight assists and four steals.

"It was Thomann's best performance of the season, and Cosgrove played a terrific floor game," said Tildsley.

Emily Pallotta was also in double figures with 12 points, and she passed out six assists, while in limited time Powers had nine points, four assists and four steals.

"Jackie drove to the hoop hard and well — but she had some tough luck with four or five shots rolling around the rim and out," said Tildsley.

Completing the AHS scoring were senior forward Jessie Koffman with four points, and freshman guard Laura Renfro with a free throw.

"Renfro played strong defense — especially late in the game," said Tildsley.

Senior forward Kait Folinus was game-high scorer with 20 points for Central (12-2 overall). She also had eight rebounds and five steals.

Junior guard Andrea Lozeau added 12 points, including 8-of-9 from the line, while sophomore forward Melissa Lucas had 11, Shelley Szymt nine and Nicole Duchesne eight.

## Andover 67

### Billerica 45

Playing just over half the game, Jackie Powers and Maggie Cosgrove made sure there was no letdown from the Central setback by tossing in 19 points each.

The Lady Warriors led 31-16 at the half and were never seriously challenged by MVC Division 2 leader Billerica (9-5, 7-4 league).

"We got after it defensively," said coach Tildsley. "We forced 31 turnovers and had



Coach Dave Fazio's squad kept it close against Central Catholic (below), before losing at home, 62-52. The locals gave up the 10-point difference at the free throw line.



some strong performances off the bench from Katelyn Caro, Laura Renfro and Sam Kerivan."

Cosgrove, who shot 8-for-12 from the floor including 3-for-4 from behind the arc, also contributed five assists, four steals and four rebounds.

Powers, meanwhile, passed out four assists, Emily Pallotta added six points, four assists and three steals to the attack, while Meghan Thomann and Renfro both had five points, two assists and two steals.

Jessie Koffman chipped in four points, six rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Completing the 10-player scoring parade were Kelly O'Dea with four points, Jen Merinder and Sara Kelleher a field goal each and Jessie Shields one free throw.

Caro turned in a strong floor game with five steals, three rebounds and two assists. AHS hit 25-of-70 floor shots (.357) and

converted 11-of-13 free throws

## Player of the Fortnight

This week's recipient of the Baystate Financial Services Player of the Fortnight award is senior Jackie Powers who, as captain of this year's girls team, is having an excellent season.

Coach Jim Tildsley praised her contributions: "Jackie is not only a terrific leader, both on the court and off it, for this team, but she's very focused, always plays very hard, and is our go-to player when it's crunch time. She has great tenacity and a strong will to win. We're looking forward to much more of Jackie's leadership by example during the rest of the season."

The next Player of the Fortnight award to a boys varsity player, will be announced next week.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

Andover suffered a rare loss on its home court as Central Catholic rang up a 62-52 Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 victory at the Dunn Gym.

The locals then bounced back Tuesday night to defeat host Billerica handily, 69-55, moving their record to 9-6 overall, 8-5 in terms of Division 1 North Tournament qualification and 6-3 in Division 1 of the Merrimack Valley Conference.

The Golden Warriors are now third in the division behind Haverhill (9-1) and Central (8-2).

Coach Dave Fazio's crew needs only two more wins in their remaining seven games to qualify for the Division 1 North Tournament for the 39th time in the last 42 years — and 10th straight time under Fazio.

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## AHS ROUNDUP

## BOYS BASKETBALL

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## Schedule

The locals wrap up the regular season home schedule by hosting Methuen tomorrow night and Lowell next Tuesday at the Dunn Gym.

The MVC campaign concludes with tough back-to-back games on the road at Haverhill (next Thursday, Feb. 10) and at Central Catholic (Feb. 15).

All games start at 7:30 p.m.

Andover will compete in the four-team Acton-Boxboro Invitational Tournament Feb. 20 and 22.

AHS faces Framingham in the semifinal round (6 p.m.).

Host A-B, which knocked the Golden Warriors out of the Division 1 North Tournament last year with a 64-59 semifinal round win, is currently 12-2.

## Scoring leaders

Greg Vetrano has pumped in 363 points in the first 15 games for a hefty 24.2 average.

With 15 points as a freshman and 118 last year as a sophomore, Vetrano has boosted his career total to 496.

Vetrano is pretty much assured of becoming the second member of his family to score 1,000 career points, provided he stays healthy.

He is also on a current pace to score more than 600 points if Andover qualifies for the tournament.

Brother Chris is the all-time AHS points leader and the school's only 2,000-point career, having graduated last spring with 2,000 including 554 last year.

Bobby Hughes is also averaging in double figures with 17.3 points (11.5 average), as is Casey Cosgrove with 34 points in just three games (11.3).

Central Catholic 62  
Andover 52

The Golden Warriors gave the visitors (19-4) all they could handle, trailing by only three at the break (25-22) and leading for a brief time near the midway mark of the second half.

Greg Vetrano topped three AHS players in double figures with 22 points, including four treys, and he also had eight rebounds and two assists.

Casey Cosgrove and Bobby Hughes contributed 11 points each, with Cosgrove adding seven rebounds, three assists and Hughes a game-high 15 boards, three assists and one blocked shot.

Freshman Peter White tossed in six points and Luis Carpio pulled down nine rebounds and netted a field goal.

Central's 6'6" junior forward Jonathan Cruz once again proved his worth with a game-high 25 points and 14 boards.

Baton guard Carlos Brown chipped in 15 points, Jeremy Shannon nine and Chris Morales eight.

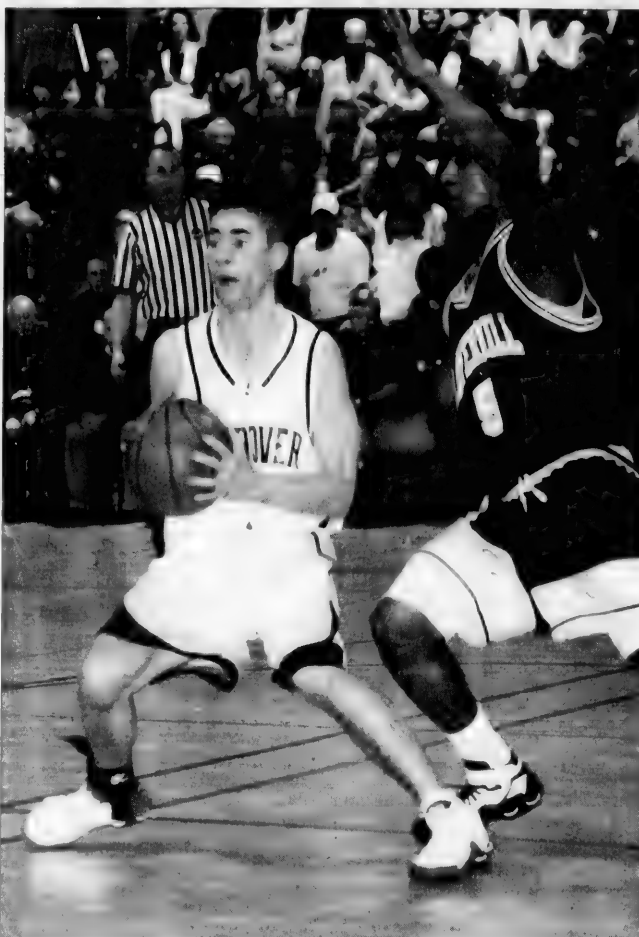
The Raiders were able to pad their lead with a decisive 15-5 scoring edge at the free throw line.

These archrivals have now split their last 14 games, since the 1998-99 season, with six decided by one or two points.

Andover 69  
Billerica 55

The teams were locked in a 29-29 tie at halftime, but the Golden Warriors exploded for 40 points in the final 16 minutes to win the home battle away.

Vetrano led three AHS players into double figures with 21 points, and he also



Greg Vetrano, evading a Haverhill defender, is averaging 24.2 points per game.

passed out five assists, while Casey Cosgrove continued his rapid progress with 13 points, six assists and six rebounds.

Luis Carpio had a huge double-double for the locals, tossing in 10 points and ripping down a game-high 15 rebounds.

Bobby Hughes and Peter White almost made it five in twin digits, finishing with eight points apiece, while Hughes also collected six boards.

Rounding out the scorers were Matt Renfro with two field goals, Steve Games four free throws and Max Ball one foul shot.

The equally balanced Indians (5-9) were led by John Shea with 14 points and 12 boards, while Mark Mastrullo scored 14 points, Mike Burzyk 13 and Jason Augustino 10.

## BOYS GYMNASTICS

Strong performances by senior Alex Bergeson and junior Seth Putnam highlighted a busy stretch for the Andover High boys gymnastics team, which competed in three dual meets and an invitational recently.

The Golden Warriors, 2-4 overall, rolled to a lopsided non-league win over visiting inter-state rival Salem, N.H. at the Dunn Gym.

They suffered a tough loss to Newton North, bowing by less than one point, and were beaten convincingly by Burlington in other home meets.

The locals also participated in the annual Salem, N.H. Invitational.

## Schedule

Andover hosts Newton South in its final

league in-state dual tonight (Thursday) at the Dunn Gym (7 p.m.), with the meet running simultaneously to the girls MVC meet between Andover and Chelmsford.

"We alternate events and it all runs pretty smoothly," explained boys coach Jack Gleason. "It's easy to co-exist in the same gym."

The boys 2005 dual-meet season concludes with a rematch against Salem, N.H. at the Blue Devils' gym next Tuesday night (7 p.m.).

The State Coaches Invitational, an individual competition, is listed for next week at Attleboro High and the State Team Championship Meet is Feb. 18 at Braintree High (both 7 p.m.).

Andover 123.10  
Salem, N.H. 87.10

Alex Bergeson had his most successful competition of the season, finishing first in floor exercise (7.4), side horse (4.4), parallel bars (5.6) and vault (7.7).

He also won the all-around with a solid 33.10 score.

Senior Jim Grieve added a first on rings (5.0), and he placed third in the vault (7.3) to round out an Andover sweep in that event.

Seth Putnam chalked up three second places in floor (6.4), high bar (4.6) and parallel bars (5.2).

Junior Mike Fortier contributed a second in vault (7.4), third to complete another 1-2-3 AHS sweep on parallel bars (4.6) and tie for third on high bar (4.5).

Junior John Chang was third in floor (5.8) and third on side horse (3.9), while junior Amir Yazdi impressed with a second

place on rings (4.3).

Newton North 125.80  
Andover 124.90

Alex Bergeson and Mike Fortier produced the two AHS first-place finishes in this tough loss, the former recording a 7.45 in floor exercise and the latter a 5.1 on high bar.

Bergeson was also second on side horse (4.4) and Fortier took third in the vault (7.85).

Seth Putnam nailed down a pair of thirds in floor (6.75) and parallel bars (5.2), while Jim Grieve was runner-up on rings (6.6) and sophomore Derek Schwarz placed third on side horse (4.2).

Andover did not enter an all-around.

Burlington 165.10  
Andover 123.10

The Red Devils, one of the top three teams in the state, had too much depth and strength for Andover as they competed in a tri-meet with the Golden Warriors and Salem, N.H. earlier this week.

Alex Bergeson was the lone top-three finisher for the locals with a 7.4 in floor, and his 33.10 all-around score was good for third against Burlington.

## Salem, N.H. Invitational

Top AHS gymnasts in this weekend competition were Seth Putnam and Mike Fortier.

Putnam, performing all-around for the first time in a high school meet, registered a 31.40 for fourth place in the six-event test.

Fortier chalked up fifth place on the high bar with a 4.4 score.

## GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

The Andover High girls varsity hockey team, 11-1 overall and 5-0 atop the Metro North League, finally returned to the ice yesterday (Wednesday), after Townsman press time and a 10-day layoff, with a game at Waltham.

A big non-league showdown with undefeated 2004 state tourney opponent Wilmington (11-0) is scheduled for this Saturday at the Phillips Academy Harrison Rink (5:20 p.m.).

The Lady Warrior skaters have already qualified for the State Division 2 Tournament once again.

Last year the locals reached the state semifinals, beating Marblehead (10-2) and Wilmington (4-2) before bowing out with an 4-3 overtime loss to Wellesley.

## Scoring leaders

Becky Cairns leads the team in scoring through 12 games with 12 goals and 21 assists for 33 points.

All-time school scoring leader Maria Nasta has 22 goals and nine assists for 31, while Alison Burns has 10-10-20 and Becca Lindmark 5-11-16.

Nasta has two hat tricks and goaltender Christina Cahill two solo shutouts and one shared with eighth-grader Rachel Bergan.

Nasta is the first player in the brief history of the Andover High girls ice hockey program to score 100 career points.

The sharpshooter's up-to-date AHS career numbers are 72 goals and 42 assists for 114 points, including a school single-season record 36 goals and 17 assists last winter.

Sophomore Cairns is well on her way to 100 points with 71 in just 1 1/2 seasons.

## INDOOR TRACK

The Andover High boys and girls varsity track teams produced an exciting sweep of their Lowell counterparts in the final Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 dual meets of the season held at the Red Raiders' Riddick Field House.

AHS won both competitions by identical 44-42 scores, the boys nailing down sole ownership of their first MVC title in more than a decade while the girls secured their come-from-behind triumph with a victory in the final 4x400 relay.

Those results left the boys at 7-0 overall and the girls at 3-3.

Both Warrior squads also made impressive showings at the annual State Class A Relays held at the Reggie Lewis Track Center in Roxbury.

The girls finished second and the boys were fourth.

## Schedule

The dual meet season wraps up next Wednesday with an MVC crossover against Methuen at the AHS Field House (3:30 p.m.).

The State Coaches Meet is scheduled this Saturday at the Reggie Lewis Center (9:30 a.m.), and next Saturday (Feb. 12) Methuen hosts the annual Merrimack Valley Conference Championship Meet.

Andover boys 44  
Lowell 42

In their closest competition of the season, AHS placed first in six of the 10 events and keyed their seventh straight victory with 1-2 finishes in the 50-yard high hurdles, 50 dash and 300 dash.

Tops in the hurdles were Chris Cole (6.4 seconds) and Adam Cuomo (6.5).

The domination of the sprint races was achieved by Buddy Farnham (5.6) and Jason Sheldon (5.7) in the 50, along with Pierre Hage (36.2) and Robert Kaufman (36.8) in the 300.

Andover outscored Lowell (2-2-1) by a decisive 24-3 margin in those three events.

Other Golden Warrior winners were Andy Boudreau in the 600 run (1:22.7), two-miler James Primes (10:12.7) and shot putter Kyle MacKenzie (48'2 3/4").

Contributing valuable third-place finishes were Garrett Raynor in the 600 run (1:24.3), Ben Ossoff in the 1000 run (2:35.8), miler Sasha Seletsky (5:02.6) and shot putter John Kim (44'7 3/4").

High jumpers T.J. Moore and Cole also tied for third after both cleared 5'3" with the same number of misses.

Lowell won the 4x400 relay by 1.1 seconds - but by that time Andover had already clinched the win.

Among the biggest keys for the locals were Primes holding off Lowell runner-up Steve Torigian (10:15.0) in the deuce, Boudreau nipping the Red Raiders' Amos Faria (1:23.2) by a half-second in the 600 and MacKenzie tossing the shot just 3 3/4" inches farther than Nick Langathianos (47'11").

Sheldon and Kaufman also nipped Lowell sprinters by a split second each.

Had any of those places been reversed Lowell would have won the meet by the same 44-42 score.

Andover girls 44  
Lowell 42

After losing to Central Catholic by the same score a week earlier, and also bowing to Chelmsford when the Lions won the relay, it was only fitting that AHS pull this one out in the final race of the day.

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## AHS ROUNDUP



The Andover High girls varsity track team finished second at the annual State Class A Relays held at the Reggie Lewis Track Center in Roxbury.

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Members of that clutch 4x400 squad were Emily Korba, Michelle Pirro, Brittany Pierce and anchor Rachel Fox, whose 4:25.7 clocking was almost 13 seconds faster than Lowell (4:38.3).

Individual event winners for the Lady Warriors were 50 hurdler Meghan Keefe (7.3), undefeated middle distance standout Rachel Fox in the 600 run (1:33.8), high jumper Carolyn Damphousse who cleared 4'8" and unbeaten shot putter Felicia Thompson (33'5 1/4").

Addie Eang and Meghan Karagizos of Lowell (2-3 record) also cleared the high jump bar at 4'8", but because Damphousse had fewer misses along the way she won the event which was pivotal in clinching the meet.

Also crucial were the 1-2 finishes in the hurdles and 600, with Brittany Pierce runner-up in the former event (7.5) and Emily Korba in the latter (1:35.0).

Other valuable second places were garnered by sprinter Caroline Pierce in the 50 dash (6.5), Michelle Pirro in the 1000 run (2:58.4) and freshman Mary Burke in the two-mile (13:03.1).

Finishing third for the locals were Jen Hagopian (50 dash, 6.5), Emily Barker (300 dash, 42.5), Christine Conley (1000 run, 3:08.6) and miler Leslie Willey (6:22.0).

Barker and Willey prevented Lowell sweeps and picked up two valuable points.

## State Class A Relays

The Lady Warriors piled up 45 points but couldn't overtake perennial power Newton North, the runaway team champ with 69 points.

AHS had a pair of first-place finishes (worth 20 points) from the sprint medley relay of Rachel Fox, twin sisters Caroline and Brittany Pierce and Emily Korba (4:14.0), along with the shuttle dash quartet of Caroline Pierce, Jen Hagopian, Jenny Dlesk and Meghan Keefe (25.41).

The shuttle hurdles crew of Keefe, Brittany Pierce, Caroline Hodge and Tamar Brady was sec-

ond (30.47).

Placing third for the locals were the shot put trio of Felicia Thompson, Alyssa Lau and Sarah Thompson, with a combined distance of 89'3", and the 4x400 foursome of Korba, Kate Nichols, Michelle Pirro and Fox (4:13.5).

Long jumpers Keefe, Caroline Pierce and Jess Forster placed fourth (45'3"), and completing the scoring in fifth was the high jump trio of Forster, Carolyn Damphousse and Corinne Welsh (14'4").

The AHS boys scored in five events with four third-place finishes, worth six points each, and a sixth for 25 points overall.

The top three schools were Newton North (57 points), Xaverian High of Westwood (56) and St. John's Prep of Danvers (28).

Jason Sheldon, Alex Perry, Buddy Farnham and P.J. Farnham took third in the shuttle dash (22.78), while shuttle hurdlers Chris Cole, Tom Jackson, James MacDonald and Adam Cuomo were third in 27.28.

The sprint medley crew of Buddy Farnham, Cuomo, Matt Malloy and Andy Boudreau grabbed third (3:48.7), along with the 4x400 team of Malloy, Boudreau, Robert Kaufman and Pierre Hage (3:31.7).

Capping the scoring in sixth was the 4x200 sprint squad of Sheldon, P.J. Farnham, Hage and Kaufman.

## Schedule

The Lady Warriors can still grab a share of the title if they win out and Chelmsford defeats Central in the final dual meet of the season this Saturday night.

Last night busy AHS had a non-league meet at Lincoln-Sudbury, after *Townsmen* presstime, and tonight Andover hosts Chelmsford (4-2, 3-1 MVC) at the Dunn Gym in the makeup of a meet snowed out last week.

The Lions have two outstanding gymnasts in Robin Underwood and Christy Diminico - but lack Andover's depth.

The locals' final 2005 MVC meet is at home against Tewksbury next Wednesday (7 p.m.).

Andover gets a second shot at Central Catholic a week from Saturday, Feb. 12, when the Lady Warriors host the annual MVC Championship Meet at the Dunn Gym (3 p.m.).

## Verrette injured in fall

Popular sophomore standout Carly Verrette, a football cheerleader in the fall and consistent scorer for the gymnastics team the past two years, took a nasty fall off the uneven bars during last week's Tuesday practice.

"It was a freak accident," said coach Chapman. "Carly was just doing simple warm-up swings on the bars. There were no skill moves involved. She was just swinging back and forth."

"For whatever reason her hands peeled off the bar and she fell to the floor with her arms behind her."

"Fortunately she was strong enough and smart enough to duck her head or the injury - as bad as it is - would have been far worse."

Carly's vertebrae were pushed inward - towards her stomach - and she fell very hard.

"She had movement and feeling everywhere and she never lost consciousness," said coach Chapman. "But she was in an awful lot of pain."

After the spill she was taken by ambulance to Lawrence General Hospital and later transferred to Children's Hospital in Boston where she was admitted for two days.

She returned home over the

weekend and could remain in a cast for up to eight weeks.

Earlier this week, after presstime, she was to have X-Rays taken to determine if surgery is necessary.

"It was very scary for all of us," said coach Chapman. "I wish we could take it all away. The accident definitely affected the attitude of the girls. We're a family and Carly is very well-liked."

## Fortier mending

Senior Capt. Libby Fortier, who suffered her second ankle injury of the season two weeks ago, returned to the lineup against Central and Westford where she competed on bars and in vault.

"She's doing very well rehabbing. Her progress is ahead of schedule," said coach Chapman.

Fortier, who rolled an ankle during an early-season practice, was nearly back to 100 percent when she did the exact same thing to the other ankle while working on a floor exercise routine during practice for her club (private) team.

"Obviously we won't do anything to jeopardize her senior year or future in gymnastics," said coach Chapman.

"Right now it seems unlikely she will be able to do all-around competition during the rest of the high school season - but we'll see what happens."

Fortier appeared to be in the running for a berth on Team Massachusetts, which will compete in the High School Nationals in May at DisneyWorld in Orlando, Fla.

Even with the injury she could still make the squad - assuming her recovery proceeds on schedule.

## Central Catholic 140.60

## Andover 139.85

"It sure was a different talk to the team after this meet," said coach Chapman. "We haven't faced that kind of discussion (following a loss) in a long time."

"I believe we're better than Cen-

tral and easily could have won. I'm also certain that we'll get them when they come here for MVCs."

"We had a good meet," said Chapman. "Our team score was excellent and if we were at full strength - with Carly and Libby 100 percent healthy - we definitely would have won."

"Our bars scores seemed a little off to me and their beam scores were high. When you lose by three-quarters of a point - that's the difference right there."

"No excuses, though. When you are beaten by a fraction of a point you look at little things."

"Central is obviously an outstanding team," said Chapman.

Central topped 140 points for the second straight meet.

Raiders' freshman Brittany Aghoian stole the show by placing first in all four events on the way to an astronomical 37.15 all-around score.

She chalked up a 9.4 in vault, 9.3 on balance beam, 9.275 on bars and 9.175 in floor exercise.

Andover grabbed second place in every event thanks to Libby Fortier on bars (8.95), junior Katie Infantine and sophomore Becky Robichaud who tied on beam (9.1), freshman Christina Muccio in vault (9.15) and Infantine in floor (9.1).

Fortier also tied for third in vault (9.0) and Muccio tied for third in floor (9.0).

Muccio added an 8.35 on bars and 8.6 on beam to place third all-around at 35.10.

Infantine was fourth all-around with a 34.95 that included an 8.3 on bars and 8.45 in vault.

Senior Capt. Meghan Harrington registered an 8.9 on beam, 8.6 in floor and 8.3 on bars.

Sophomore Renee Coiro posted an 8.65 on beam and 8.4 in floor.

Also competing in two events were junior Sarah Coneeny, with an 8.2 in vault and 7.65 on bars, and Robichaud who added an 8.7 in floor.

Other contributors were fresh-

man Kathryn Sullivan on bars (7.85), senior AnnMarie Cashman on beam (7.4), junior Steph Theroux (8.2) and senior Lauren Reed (8.1) in vault; sophomore Jackie Hung in floor (8.35).

Casey Connors was the other Central leader with third on bars (8.6), tie for third in vault (9.0), fourth on beam (9.0) and second all-around (35.45).

## Andover 139.40

## Westford Academy 136.15

"Our girls weren't quite as 'sparked' as usual," said coach Chapman. "The combination of Carly's injury, the loss to Central, final exams and three meets in four days is weighing on them."

"Still, all things considered, this was a very good rebound win."

The meet against Dual County League member Westford (4-3) was close at the midway point.

"We did great in floor and were 6-for-6 on vaults on beam," said Chapman. "We beat them by 2.5 points on beam and one point in floor - and that was pretty much the difference in the meet."

"Westford has good talent. There's no way we could have beaten them without a strong performance."

"We definitely felt Carly's absence again - both personally and team-wise. She was putting up excellent numbers for us in vault floor and on bars."

Libby Fortier, Becky Robichaud and Christina Muccio each finished first in one event.

Fortier tied with Westford's Jen Thomas on the uneven bars, both scoring 9.1, and Fortier added a 9.05 for third in vault.

Robichaud was tops on balance beam with a 9.1 and she contributed an 8.8 in floor exercise.

Muccio posted a sizzling 9.3 in vault, tying Westford's Jen Ryding and she was second to Ryding in the all-around with a 35.40.

Muccio and Ryding also tied for

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**AHS ROUNDUP****■ GIRLS GYMNASTICS**

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second in floor with 9.1. Muccio was third on beam (8.6) and she scored 8.4 on bars.

Katie Infantine finished fourth all-around with a 34.70 that included three fourth-places on bars (8.6), beam (8.55) and floor (9.05). She also posted an 8.5 in vault.

Meghan Harrington registered an 8.6 in floor, 8.2 on beam and 8.2 on bars.

Sarah Coneeny chalked up an 8.25 in vault and 8.1 on bars, while Renee Coiro recorded an 8.5 on beam and 8.35 in floor.

Also competing for the Lady Warriors were Kathryn Sullivan on bars (7.2), Lauren Colby on beam (8.2), Steph Theroux (7.95) and Lauren Reed (7.9) in vault and Jackie Hung in floor (8.4).

**State Coaches Invitational**

The inaugural event was held at Northeast Gymnastics in Tewksbury.

Andover did not enter a full team, but had four gymnasts earn medals which were awarded to the top six in each event.

The Lady Warriors placed 1-2 on balance beam with junior Donna Lamontagne first (8.2) and senior Aja Nicholson second (7.8).

In floor exercise freshman Stephanie Shin was fifth (7.3) and freshman Marilyn Fontaine sixth (7.1).

Also competing in floor were senior Sheila Tayebi (6.85) and freshman Emily Benham (6.6).

Others scoring for AHS on beam were sophomore Jackie Hung (6.9), freshman Alyssa Geary (6.8), freshman Devin Geary (6.3), junior Sonal Mehta (5.8) and sophomore Casey Jaroche (5.5).

**BOYS SWIM & DIVE**

The Andover High boys swim and dive team returned to its winning ways with a come-from-behind 101-85 victory over Central Catholic at Lowell High's Riddick Field House pool.

Expecting a reasonably easy win over the Raiders, similar to the 98-82 stroll on Jan. 4, AHS found itself trailing by 14 points after six of the 12 events.

"They stacked (overloaded) their lineup in the early races - hoping to force us to make changes," said Golden Warriors' coach Mark Taffe. "We did switch a few people around - so Central accomplished its mission."

The impact was immediate as Andover tied the meet two events later (500 free), and then pulled away by dominating the final four races.

The locals placed first and third in the 200 free relay, swept the top three places in the 100 backstroke, went 2-3 in the 100 breaststroke and 1-2 in the final 400 free relay.

"Aside from the early concerns it was a quiet day," said coach

Taffe. "No state or sectional cuts. But it was nice to get back to winning. We've become accustomed to that in recent years."

Both teams left the pool with identical 4-4 overall records, while AHS improved to 4-2 in the Merrimack Valley Conference where it will finish second to Chelmsford (8-1, 7-0 MVC).

**Schedule**

The dual-meet season wraps up with back-to-back competitions against Haverhill, tomorrow afternoon (Friday) at the Greater Lawrence Vo-Tech pool and next Wednesday at Haverhill High's White Natatorium in the makeup of an earlier postponement.

Both meets start at 3:30 p.m.

The annual MVC Championship Meet will be hosted by Haverhill next Friday, Feb. 11.

**Andover 101****Central Catholic 85**

The AHS comeback started in the 100 free with a 1-2 finish by senior Capt. Chris Mullen (54.34 seconds) and freshman Christian Bishop (57.71).

A sweep of the 500 free tied the meet.

Junior Rob Medaglio won in 5:28.41, senior Capt. Jon Meltz was runner-up in his first stab at the distance this season (5:31.22) and sophomore Oliver Scarborough placed third (5:58.51).

The winning 200 free relay consisted of junior Justin Samuels, Mullen, Meltz and Medaglio (1:39.47) as AHS moved ahead to stay.

Third in that relay went to freshmen Tim Russell and Zack Hamer, sophomore Dave Espindole and Scarborough.

Placing 1-2-3 in the 100 back were freshman Peter Li (1:02.38), Espindole (1:04.88) and Bishop (1:05.03).

Hamer contributed a second in the 100 breast (1:16.03) and Russell was third (1:17.59).

The 400 free relay was taken by Scarborough, Mullen, Samuels and Meltz (3:45.22), while second place went to Espindole, Bishop, Li and freshman Peter Saunders (4:00.82).

Andover's only victories in the first half of the meet went to Samuels in the 200 IM (2:15.09) and the 200 medley relay of Bishop, Russell, Saunders and Medaglio (1:58.55).

Also touching second were Saunders (50 free, 25.87) and Meltz (100 butterfly 1:02.02).

Additional thirds were locked up by Saunders (100 fly, 1:03.00), Li (200 IM, 2:29.47), freshman one-meter diver Aaron Davidovits (157.85 points) and the 200 medley relay of Li, senior Felipe Machado, Espindole and junior Mike Stewart (2:04.70).

AHS fourths went to freshman Andrew Janetti (200 free, 2:18.56) and Hamer (200 IM, 2:31.00).

Placing fifth for the locals were freshman Tom Demers (200 free, 2:29.16), sophomore Brian O'Connor (50 free, 28.15), frosh diver

Ryan Asoian (131.70 points) and Janetti (100 fly, 1:17.36).

Machado touched sixth in both the 50 free (28.31) and 100 breast (1:23.53), while junior Justin Ferguson was sixth in the 200 free (2:34.75).

**BOYS ICE HOCKEY**

Seven players each scored once, and the Andover High boys varsity hockey team broke open a close game with three goals in less than three minutes early in the third period on the way to a resounding 7-1 Merrimack Valley/Dual County League Division 2 win over Methuen at the Valley Forum in Lawrence.

The triumph, only the second in the last seven games (three ties) for the Golden Warriors, boosted first-year coach Mario Martiniello's club to 4-2-4 overall and 1-1-3 in division play.

**Schedule**AHS returned to the ice last night, after *Townsmen* presstime, against Division 3 Lowell (6-2-2) at the Tsongas Arena which is home ice for the Lowell Lock Monsters of the American Hockey League.

Saturday the locals play a key MV/DCL Division 2 game at Haverhill (6 p.m.).

Two snowed-out home games with Tewksbury and Central Catholic have been tentatively rescheduled for Feb. 14 and Feb. 25 respectively at the Valley Forum in Lawrence.

**Colby update**

Junior forward Matt Colby, who suffered a shoulder injury in the 5-0 win over Dracut on Jan. 12, missed the Boston Latin, Lincoln-Sudbury and Methuen games.

The injury was diagnosed as either a separation or a fracture of the growth plate.

Colby, who is back skating and practicing, is scheduled for an MRI tomorrow (Friday) which should give an indication when he'll be able to play again.

**Alumni Game**

An Andover High boys hockey Alumni Game has been scheduled for Friday, Feb. 25 at Phillips Academy's Harrison Rink (8 p.m.).

All former Golden Warrior players are invited to participate.

**Scoring leaders**

Tucker Mullin headed the balanced attack through 10 games with six goals and six assists for 12 points.

John Hyslip had five goals and six assists, Joe Benedix five goals, five assists and other leaders were Phil Kim (4-5-9), Matt Colby (4-4-8), A.J. Drivas (4-3-7) and Austin Gilbert (2-5-7).

**Andover 7****Methuen 1**

The seven goals are the second most in a game this season (9-5 win over Danvers), and enabled the locals to beat the same Methuen team they tied 1-1 in the Dec. 21 season opener.

"We were all over Methuen from the start," said coach Martiniello, whose club outshot the Rangers 14-4 in the first period and 34-14 for the game. "We swarmed them."

"It was a total team effort. Everyone played and they all played well."

But Methuen goaltender Derek Soucy, who finished with 27 saves, kept it interesting until early in the third period.

Just 41 seconds after Methuen's Mike Benoit connected (1:27), spoiling the shutout bid and making it 3-1, junior forward Austin Gilbert retaliated with a power play goal at

2:08.

Sophomore forward P.J. Paonesse made it 5-1 at 3:45, notching his first varsity goal, and a mere eight seconds later (3:53) Phil Kim found the range.

A.J. Drivas capped the attack at 7:09 with Gilbert collecting his second assist and third point of the night.

Andover grabbed a 2-0 first-period lead on goals by Tucker Mullin, unassisted just 47 seconds into the game, and Andrew Gatti (9:27).

Freshman forward John Hyslip boosted the lead to 3-0 only 33 seconds into the middle period, setting the stage for the game-breaking outburst in the third.

Mike Ahern, Greg Carroll and Colin Brennan joined Gilbert with two assists each, while Kim also had a setup.

Zach Frish finished with 13 saves in the Golden Warriors' net.

**ALPINE SKIING**

The Andover High girls alpine ski team remained unbeaten, as did top racer Michelle Guy, after a North Shore League tri-meet sweep over previously-undefeated North Andover, 88-47, and Austin Prep, 112-23, at the Bradford Hill Ski Area.

The Andover boys, meanwhile, suffered a double dip with a pair of NSL tri-meet losses to North Andover, 81-54, and St. John's Prep of Danvers, 106-29.

The two-time reigning league champion Lady Warriors improved to 5-0 overall while the AHS boys are now 3-2.

**Andover girls**

Guy placed first against both opponents with a swift 24.02 run.

Also finishing top 10 against NA and Austin were freshman Rachel O'Hara (25.80), Dani Liffman (25.95), Kayla Fosse (26.01), Julie Harker (26.25), Cara Suglia (26.53) and Cayley Christopher (26.65).

Carly Holstein finished 9th (26.84) and Colleen Heath 10th (27.43) versus Austin.

Kara Bularzick (27.84) was 12th against Austin and 15th versus North Andover.

Rounding out the scorers in the Austin meet were Margaret Doherty (13th, 28.29) and Kristina Fuerst (14th, 28.35).

"This is a great group of girls," noted coach Tom Busta. "It's tough to single anyone out on this team. They all look forward to practice and put forth a great effort every day. That makes it fun all the time and a lot easier."

"This week we worked on our starts and taking a more aggressive line."

**Andover boys**

"The team results against North Andover and St. John's were certainly not what we were expecting," noted coach Busta. "Doug Heath, Erik Fosse and Garrison Macomber continue to ski well, and the top 20 racers in the meet were only separated by 1 1/2 seconds."

"We need to have some quality practices and see what happens the second time around against these two teams."

Heath was the top AHS finisher, 5th against North Andover and 6th versus SJP, with a 21.68 clocking.

Fosse was next in line at 21.71, while Macomber placed 7th and 10th in 21.80.

Matt Anderson also placed against both opponents, 10th and 15th respectively in 22.61.

Other Golden Warrior scorers in the NA meet were Conor Lunch (11th, 22.79), Jake Stamas (12th, 22.88) and Pete Webster (14th, 23.07).

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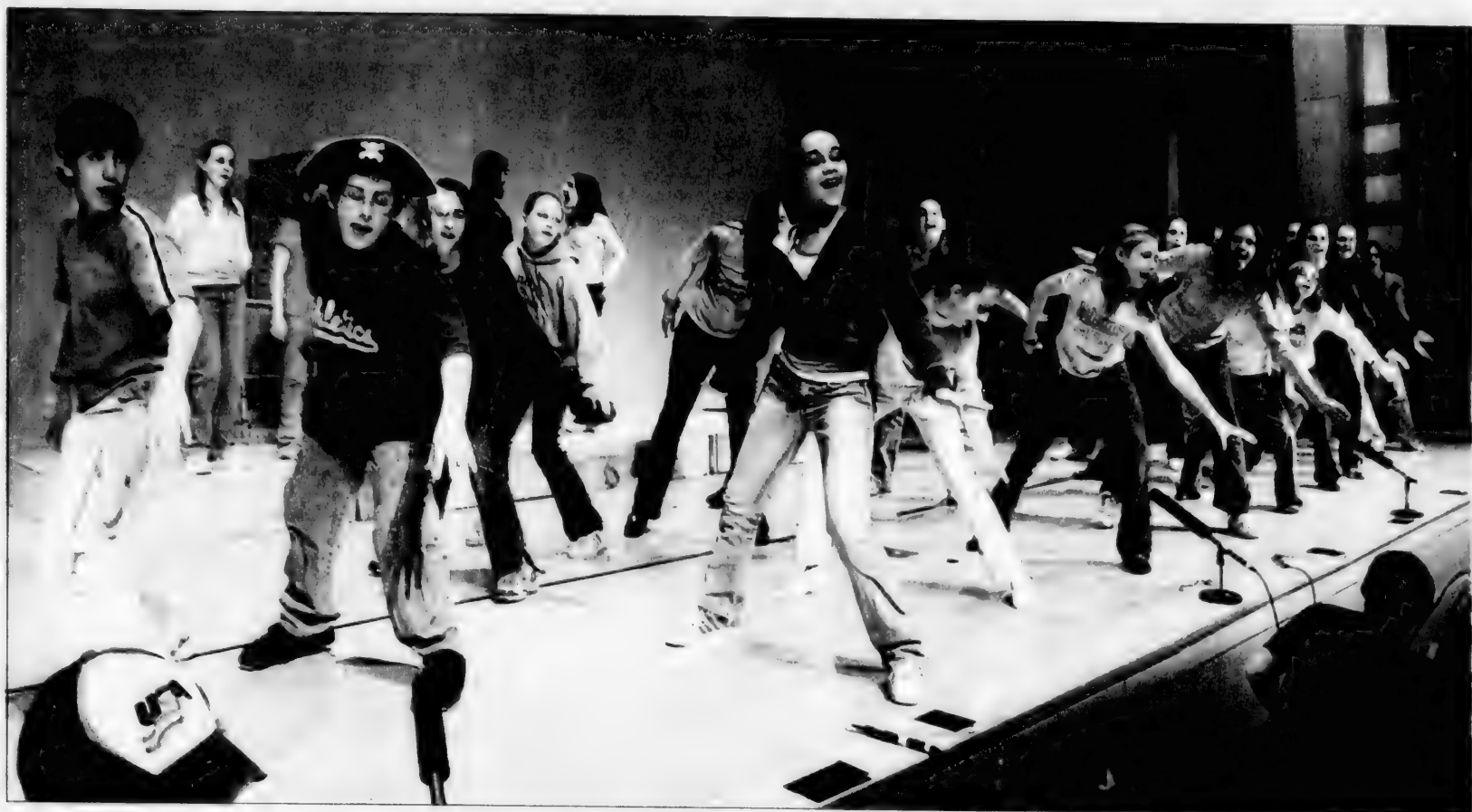
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Students rehearse a song-and-dance number from *Kokonut Kapers* at Wood Hill Middle School. The performance will take place at the school next weekend.



Matt Regan plays Sappy during rehearsal of *Kokonut Kapers*.

## How to act

Wood Hill students learn about singing, dancing and performing in a group as their production, *Kokonut Kapers*, is ready for the stage Friday, Feb. 11

By Andrea Gregory

**M**ORE THAN 30 STUDENTS have been singing, dancing and memorizing lines to pull off this year's Wood Hill Middle School production, *Kokonut Kapers*.

During a rehearsal break this week, several of the kids talked about their experiences, which include both nerves and excitement.

Kerryn McNamnee, 12, and Nora Huntley, 11, ran off stage together smiling and quietly laughing to each other after they were dismissed from the rehearsal stage.

While Kerryn and Nora are both in the sixth grade, they were not close friends before the play. Now, the two declare they have become "inseparable."

Neither one has a lead role, but the two girls definitely ham it up on stage when their small parts call for it. They each play about six small roles. Like many involved in the play, the girls do not have a lot of lines to memorize and most of the time they perform as part of a larger group. They say they love dancing and acting. On stage, their expressions are animated, their voices loud and, most of all, their attitude appears contagious.

Joan Zenofsky, the school's drama director and an eighth-grade English teacher, ensures everyone has a part, even creating some roles so that no one is left out.

"Things are very competitive when they get older," she said.

Zenofsky said part of what she is doing is

teaching students how to act. Based on the past three years she has run these shows, she believes most of the sixth- and seventh-graders will "try out" again next year.

"Some of them are developing a love for the theater. Some of them have discovered they have a talent," she said.

Zenofsky said many young actors improve their public speaking skills, conquer performance jitters and gain confidence.

"Hopefully, besides all that, it's fun," she said.

"The idea is to put as many middle-schoolers on the stage as you can at once," said Chip Gregory, a teacher and bass player in the *Kokonut Kapers* orchestra.

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### A hearty way to celebrate the Patriots in the Super Bowl

By Terry Kay Bargar

**T**RADITIONAL FOOTBALL PARTIES favor easy-to-hold foods rather than those requiring a fork, knife, and good manners. Appetizers, nibbles and, always, chili appear on the menu, and this year my Super Bowl party will be no different, except for a lack of the fattening items that spell death to anyone's waistline.

This year, we'll be feasting on scallop ceviche, my friend

Arlene's famous reduced-fat garlicky basil and sun-dried tomato tortilla, and a fantastic low-fat chili that I concocted last year.

There wasn't a drop left at the end of the game, and with my family clamoring for more I made another pot of Holy Mole Chicken Chili on Monday morning to celebrate the Patriots' victory.

What is mole? Mole, one syllable, is a furry critter that digs holes in the ground. I wouldn't suggest eating a mole. Edible mole, pronounced "moh-LAY" (with the accent on the second syllable), has been called the national dish of Mexico. It is a sauce made from Mexican chocolate, cinnamon, coriander, garlic, cloves, ground almonds, raisins, and the entire kitchen sink. It has a rich and colorful history dating back to the Mayans and Aztecs, who first invented a beverage made from ground cacao beans and seasonings; the Aztecs considered "xocolatl" an aphrodisiac and forbade women from drinking it. Authentic mole takes nearly a full day to prepare. True aficionados appreciate the effort.

If chicken con mole appears on a menu, then my husband, Rick, always orders it. It is his favorite food.

My mole chili has hints of all the ingredients found in a pungent mole sauce. And it doesn't take a whole day to cook, despite the lengthy list of ingredients. Ground poultry is browned with onions, garlic, cinnamon, coriander and cloves; raisins balance the heat of the spicy peppers; chocolate undertones provide an earthiness reminiscent of xocolatl. Best of all, one cup is enough to fill up even the hungriest football

fan, so counting calories can get tossed out of bounds! There's also no punting on the flavor, texture nor variety, the three key ingredients for diet success. Time out, New England! Time for chili!

### SUPER BOWL HOLY MOLE CHICKEN CHILI

Makes one giant pot, enough for about 20 cups, or 10-20 football fans (depending on the fan's appetite)

#### INGREDIENTS

- 3 Tbl. olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 red bell peppers, seeded, cored and diced
- 5 fresh jalapeno peppers, seeded and minced
- 3 Tbl. hot Mexican chili powder
- 2 tsp. cumin seeds
- 1-1/2 tsp. ground coriander
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 2 pounds ground chicken (or 1 lb. ground chicken and 1 lb. ground turkey) (Vegetarians may substitute "crumbles"; they will work beautifully)
- 2 16-oz. cans tomatoes in tomato puree, chopped
- 1 15-oz. can Great Northern beans, rinsed and drained (available in the Mexican food section of the market)
- 1 15-oz. can small white beans, rinsed and drained (available in the Mexican food section of the market)
- 1 12-oz. bottle of good beer (any brand, light, dark or stout, but something you would like to drink)
- 1 cup Spicy V-8 juice or other tomato juice
- Juice of one lemon
- 2 oz. chopped unsweetened chocolate
- 1/2 cup raisins
- Salt and pepper, to taste

#### DIRECTIONS

1. In order to drain fat from the chicken,

we need to use two pans in this recipe: one pot for the assembled chili, and the other pan for browning the chicken. Heat a large fry pan to medium-high heat. Spray with nonstick spray, and add the ground chicken. Break it apart with a wooden spoon until there is no more pink showing. Turn off the heat. Drain out the fat and set aside.

2. In the second pot heat the olive oil over medium-high heat. Add the onions and garlic; sauté until the onions are softened, 6-8 minutes, stirring occasionally.

3. Put on some heavy rubber gloves, tie back your hair, and get going on those jalapeno peppers! The spiciness, or heat, of the jalapenos comes from the seeds and inner membranes, so remove everything inside if you're not used to hot peppers. Add the fresh jalapenos and red peppers to the pot and cook for another 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

4. Mix in the chili powder, cumin seeds, coriander and cinnamon. Add the drained cooked ground chicken and stir to combine.

5. OK, sports fans, add the tomatoes in puree, beans, beer, tomato juice and lemon juice. Stir, and then simmer, uncovered, 30 minutes. At this point, stir in the chopped chocolate. Chopping the chocolate enables it to melt more easily in the hot chili. Add the raisins, salt and pepper, and continue simmering, uncovered, for another 20 to 30 minutes.

This chili tastes even better the second day, so, if time allows, cook prior to game day. On the morning of the game, transfer the chili to a big crock-pot, set it on low, and let everyone help themselves during the game.

Super accompaniments to this Super Bowl chili are thinly sliced scallions, grated cheddar cheese (I use 50-percent reduced fat), sour cream (lowfat, of course) and guacamole. Place them in small bowls and let your receivers choose their own plays. Flavor, texture, and variety.

An unbeatable combination. Holy mole! Ole!



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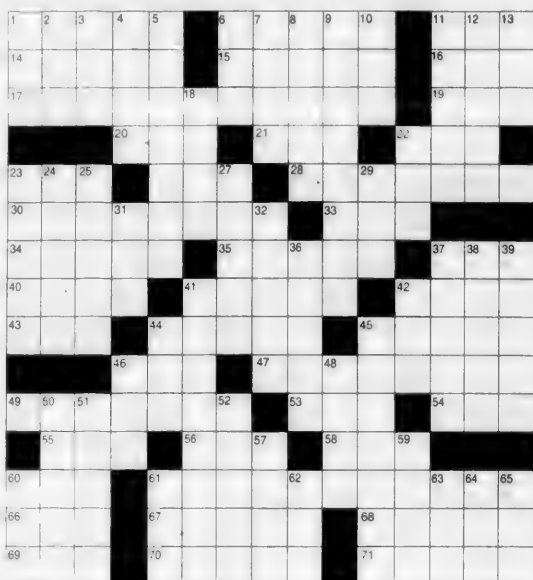
◀ Terry Kay Bargar of Greenbriar Circle learned to cook by watching her mother work in the kitchen. Her mother always told her, "If you can read then you can cook." That simple phrase became her motto and the inspiration for FOOD FOR THOUGHT, the *Townsmen's* cooking column.



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## CLUES ACROSS

1. Heroism
6. Shade
11. Flavor enhancer
14. A representation of a person
15. Charges
16. Environmental Protection Agency
17. Kowtow
19. Rio, Texas
20. Lilly, drug company
21. Australian flightless bird
22. Former OSS
23. Stores data
26. Railways
28. Undergo training or instruction
30. Disinclined to talk
33. Large African antelope
34. Terminate
35. Fortified
37. Some
40. Type of fur
41. Informal terms for money
42. A slight indication
43. An enclosure for swine
44. Bogart role
45. Glorify
46. Related to 40 across
47. Most chic
49. Franks
53. Social insect
54. A very large body of water
55. Score
56. Rules imposed by authority
58. Tiny
60. Thin colored transparent sheet



61. Refers to Elysium
66. Built by Noah
67. People who perform a particular kind of work
68. Armistice
69. Sound of a hound on the scent
70. Ghastly pale
71. Trapshooting

## CLUES DOWN

1. By way of
2. Current unit
3. Drink
4. A way to look
5. Choose again
6. Flying saucer
7. 1760 yards
8. Elderly pompous reactionary
9. Swelled again
10. Residue
11. Disseminates widely to the public
12. Weapon
13. Girl
18. Slack
22. Central processing unit
23. Jams
24. An accounting entry
25. Rocklike
27. Trap
29. The late parts of a temporal sequence
31. Gail
32. Ligneous plants
36. Molten rock in the earth's crust
37. Purgatives
38. Suckle
39. Gossip
41. Robbers
42. Time zone
44. Quid pro
45. Creators
46. U.S. Pres.
48. Negative
50. Classical music for the stage
51. Garrulous
52. Isaac's mother (Bib.)
57. Walking with your feet in water
59. A distinctive feature
60. Talk
61. Monetary unit of Spain
62. Comfortable and secluded
63. Type of input
64. Hole in one
65. Leave

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

**Thursday, Feb. 3**  
No events listed.

**Friday, Feb. 4**

**Optional preschool screening,** Andover public schools, for children 3 and 4 years old whose parents may have a concern about the child's development, conducted by special education staff and provides information about speech and language ability, fine and gross motor skills, and overall cognitive growth; schedule appointment with pupil personnel office; 978-623-8540.

**Tot Shabbat,** Special abbreviated Sabbath service for toddlers, preschool, and school-aged children, followed by a family shabbat dinner, 5:45 p.m., reservations for dinner required, Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; Carrie Lavoie 978-470-1356.

**Classic Jazz,** The Hot Club of San Francisco is an ensemble of musicians celebrating the music of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli's pioneering Hot Club de France; the music carries the listener back to the smoky jazz clubs of Paris and the refined lounges of the famous Hotel Ritz of the 1930s; 7 p.m., tickets in advance: \$22, \$20 seniors, all tickets at the door: \$24, Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, North Andover; tickets at the box office Monday-Friday, 978-837-5355 or online at

www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

**Saturday, Feb. 5**

**Eagle Scout Antarctic talk,** Eagle Scout Tim Brox will present stories and pictures from his experiences as Scouting's representative to the National Science Foundation research expedition to Antarctica in 2001-02, sponsored by Yankee Clipper Council Eagle Scout Association, 10 a.m., free and open to the public, Andover Wyndham Hotel, 123 Old River Road; 978-372-0591.

**Ham and bean supper,** West Parish Church, featuring spiral ham and homemade pies, 5-6:30 p.m., \$8 adult, \$4 child, 129 Reservation Road; 978-475-3528.

**Coffeehouse,** singer-songwriter

James Durest performs from his repertoire of original and collected songs in more than two dozen languages, 7:30 p.m., \$10 suggested donation, Coffeehouse on Locke Street, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St.; 978-475-4454.



James Durest

**Evening of Broadway Music,** Phillips Academy presents "Coming Home: Judy Kuhn in Concert," Kuhn is a Tony Award nominee and will be accompanied by New York music director Jeffrey Klitz, 8 p.m., tickets free to the public on a first-come basis, Tang Theatre in George Washington Hall, 7 Chapel Ave.; for reservations, call the box office 978-749-4433.

**Harlem Gospel Choir,** the world-famous Harlem Gospel Choir, one of the pre-eminent gospel choirs travelling the world, sharing its joy of faith through music since 1986, 7 p.m., tickets in advance: \$18, \$16 seniors, all tickets at the door: \$20, Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, North Andover; tickets at the box office Monday-Friday, 978-837-5355 or reserve online at www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

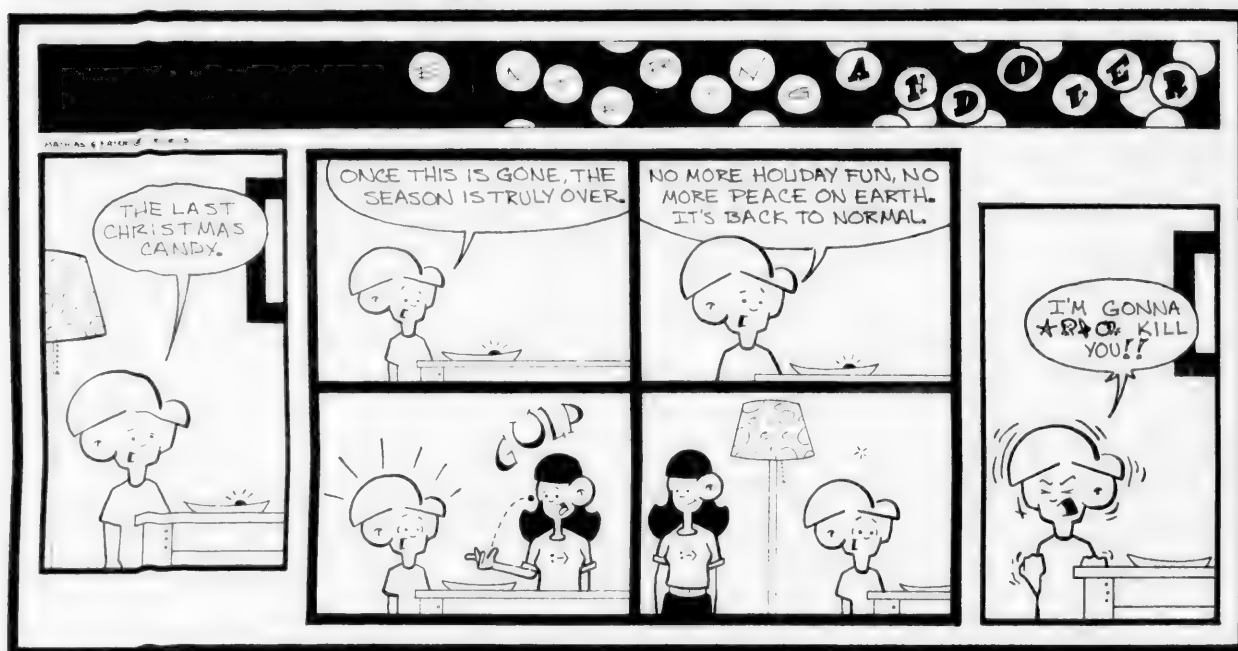
**Jazz and swing,** the group Crosstown Express, 8:30 p.m., Lyceum Restaurant, 43 Church St., Salem, Mass.; Mike Kirsch 978-745-7665.

**Winter festival,** Martin's Pond Association's 12th annual event (rain date Feb. 6) raises funds for playground and environmental uses at the 100-acre pond, skate, ski, or ice fish, then warm up with hot cocoa by the fire on the beach and lunch of chowder, chili, raffle, \$8 adult, \$4 child, Clarke Park, Bur-

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## ENTERING ANDOVER

By Neil Fater and Don Mathias



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roughs Road, North Reading (opposite Shaw's supermarket on Rte. 28); for information or to volunteer, call 978-664-1776 or [www.martinspond.org](http://www.martinspond.org).

**Artists' reception,** Ursula Brenner's award-winning pastel landscapes and David Harrison's still-life oils are on exhibit through March 16, reception 1-3 p.m., gallery hours Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m., Erlich Gallery, 96 Washington St., Marblehead; 781-631-1202.

## Sunday, Feb. 6

**Summer opportunities fair,** Phillips Academy will host representatives from more than 70 local, national, and international summer and interim year programs that offer a wide range of academic enrichment, outdoor adventure, international homestay, travel, internships, community service, camps, arts, sports, and more for middle school and high school students, noon-2 p.m., free and open to the public, in Commons Dining Hall, 16 Salem St.; Summer Opportunities Office 978-744-4480.

**Concert,** pianist Eleanor Perrone teams up with a lineup of string players for a concert of chamber music. Perrone returns with violinist Sharon Gewirtz, violist Noralee Walker, and cellist Laura Thielke to present a program of piano quartets and other configurations. 2 p.m., tickets in advance: \$12, \$10 seniors, all tickets at the door: \$14, Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, North Andover; tickets at the box office Monday-Friday, 978-837-5355 or reserve online at [www.merrimack.edu/rogers](http://www.merrimack.edu/rogers).

**"Music, Imagination & Joy,"** Symphony by the Sea orchestra and Northshore Youth Symphony Orchestra jointly present a concert and hands-on experience to introduce children to orchestral music, 1-3 p.m., \$8 children, \$12 adults, Ipswich Performing Arts Center at Ipswich High School, Rtes. 133 and 1A (one mile north of Ipswich center); tickets by phone 978-745-4955 or online at [www.symphonybythesea.org](http://www.symphonybythesea.org).

**"Super Bowl-a-Thon,"** to benefit Alternative House, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., prizes and "mystery drawings," registration \$20 individual, \$30 family (up to four), Brunswick Zone, 647 Pawtucket Blvd., Lowell; register at 978-937-5777.

## Monday, Feb. 7

No events listed.

## Tuesday, Feb. 8

**FISH ON! ANDOVER 2005,** videos and slides showing techniques for catching striped bass and bluefish using light spinning and fly fishing tackle, presented by Captain Charles Crue, owner of Channel Edge Charters out of Newburyport, sponsored by Memorial Hall Library and the Friends of the Library, part of 6th annual February series of fishing programs and exhibits, 7 p.m., video at 6:30 p.m., free, Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square; Norma Gammon 978-623-8400.

**Live jazz,** The George Garzone Trio, with George Garzone on sax, John Lockwood on bass, and Francisco Mela on drums, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5, Sahara Club, 34 Bates St., Methuen; 978-683-9200.

## Wednesday, Feb. 9

**Civil War Roundtable of the Merrimack,** meeting, with topics "Isaac Rutter," "The Gettysburg Address," and "She V. Born in Boston," 7:30 p.m., i.e., open to anyone with an interest in the Civil War, The Hilton Senior Center, 61 Lafayette Rd. (Rte 1), Salisbury, MA; Tom 978-462-8518.

## Thursday, Feb. 10

**The Laramie Project,** a documentary-style on-stage production of the events surrounding the beating death of Matthew Shepard, a 22-year-old student who fell victim to a hate crime that attracted national attention, 7 p.m., \$10, \$5 students

and seniors, Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-5355.

**The Gardens of Savannah,** a presentation by Savannah designer Karin Jones, sponsored by the Village Garden Club of Andover, refreshments 7:30 p.m., program at 8 p.m., free, Memorial Hall Library; 978-623-8400.

**The college admission process,** "Choice, not Chance," a presentation for parents of students in Andover and North Andover high schools, geared to help reduce the inherent stress of this competitive effort, 7 p.m., free, Collins Center at Andover High School; Peggy Cain 978-623-8603.

**Homebased Businesswomen's Network,** "How to De-stress Your Life," with experts Ellen Skryness, MEd and Dr. Ellen Blometh, 7 p.m., \$10, Village Green Restaurant, Rte. 1 north (Newbury Street), Danvers; Lisa Kowski 978-468-9669.

## Friday, Feb. 11

**Wine and chocolate tasting and silent auction,** to benefit Merrimack Valley Feline Rescue Society, featuring fine wines and chocolates donated by many Newburyport and Portsmouth area restaurants and wine merchants, 6-10 p.m., tickets \$50, Newburyport City Hall, 60 Pleasant St., Newburyport; for tickets, call 978-462-0760 or email [mrfrs@mrfrs.org](mailto:mrfrs@mrfrs.org).

## Saturday, Feb. 12

**Spin for the animals,** "Tour de Pooch & Pals" is sponsored by several area gyms to raise funds for the MSPCA at Nevins Farm, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Nevins Farm, registration required, \$20; register through several gyms, including Cedardale in Haverhill, Mary Lou Medlock 978-373-1596, or Gold's Gym in Methuen, Elena Scuderi 978-738-4653.

**Crossroads Coffeehouse,** featuring the popular band Wildest Dreams, door open 7:15 p.m., concert starts at 8 p.m., \$14, North Parish Church, 190 Academy Rd., North Andover; 978-687-3960 (978-687-7948 evening of concert) or visit [www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org](http://www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org).

## Sunday, Feb. 13

**Valentine brunch,** the Andover Senior Center will host a brunch featuring omelets, bacon, home fires, a cereal and fruit station, chicken Marsala, bagels, muffins and danish, dessert station, and beverages, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$6 advance tickets required, Senior Center 36 Bartlett St.; 978-623-8321.

**Piano recital,** a program for two pianos that includes Mozart's *Sonata*, the 20th-century classic, Polene's *Sonata*, and Rheinberger's *Duo*, 3 p.m., performed by David F. Sears and Permelia Sears, \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, Rogers

Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-5355.

**Lithuanian anniversary,** the Lawrence Chapter of the Lithuanian American Council, Inc. will celebrate the 87th anniversary of Lithuanian independence with a Mass followed at noon by a civil observance at the Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitors Center, featuring food, entertainment, and speeches, \$7 tickets for dinner available at the door, One Jackson St., Lawrence; Jonas Stundzia 978-685-4478.

**Live jazz,** The Three Tenors, Jim Porcella, Steve Martin, and Jack Alessi, plus a trio, 1:30-4:30 p.m., \$10 at the door, Sahara Club, 34 Bates St., Methuen; 978-683-9200.

**Gallery talk,** "The Ash Can Girl: John Sloan, George Bellows, Robert Henri, and George Luks in the Addison Collection," led by Addison Director Brian T. Allen, 2 p.m., free, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015, [www.addisongallery.org](http://www.addisongallery.org).

**Artist's reception,** "The Winner's Circle," an exhibition of work produced by artists who have been awarded first, second, and third prizes in the Brush Art Gallery and Studio Members' Juried Exhibition are introduced, 2-4 p.m.; free admission, 256 Market St., Lowell; 978-459-7819, [go.boston.com/brushartgallery](http://go.boston.com/brushartgallery); thebrush@netscape.net.

## Ongoing Art Exhibitions

**Addison Gallery of American Art,** *Eye on the Collection: Copley to Hopper*, Selections from the Addison's extensive permanent collection including more than 40 landscapes, cityscapes, still lifes and portraits that span 200 years of the richness and complexity of American art, through July 31; *Girls' Night Out*, Photography and video by 10 international and intergenerational female artists exploring themes such as the passage from girlhood to womanhood, and notions of beauty and female identity, through April 3; Gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m., free admission, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015, [www.addisongallery.org](http://www.addisongallery.org).

**Alpers Fine Art of Andover,** gallery hours Tuesday, 2-6 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St.; 978-470-0013 or visit [www.alperslineart.com](http://www.alperslineart.com).

**Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology,** *Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody*, displays ethnographic objects from museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key

people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

**Arthur Griffin Museum of Photography,** Main Gallery: *We Skate Hardcore*, a collection of photographs and video images by Vincent Cianni capturing the lives of young inline skaters from Brooklyn, through Feb. 3; Emerging Artist Gallery: *Perfect Intimacy*, images from life in a convent by Lili Almog, through Feb. 20; Tuesday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m., \$5 admission, \$2 seniors, children under 12 free, Thursday admission is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; 781-729-1158, [www.griffinmuseum.org](http://www.griffinmuseum.org).

**Brush Art Gallery,** "The Winner's Circle" is an exhibition of work produced by artists who have been awarded first, second, and third prizes in the Brush Art Gallery and Studio Members' Juried Exhibition. Featured through March 13 are first-prize winner Robert Pyle, second-prize winner Claire gagnon, and third-prize winner Eugene Monosson; free admission, 256 Market St., Lowell; 978-459-7819, [go.boston.com/brushartgallery](http://go.boston.com/brushartgallery); thebrush@netscape.net.

**Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School,** gallery hours Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-6232.

**Whistler House Museum of Art,** Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

**Churchill Gallery,** an exhibition of landscapes by award-winning artists Robert Scott Jackson and Dennis Sheehan, gallery hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport; 978-462-9891.

**Essex Art Center, This Is How We Float,** solo exhibit of mixed-media paintings and sculpture by Jeff Badger in the Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery, through Feb. 25; *Against the Grain*, furniture and sculpture by Kate Hasskari, Didier Kouassi, and Dale Rogers on exhibit in the Main Gallery, through Feb. 25; gallery hours Monday, 3-7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., galleries are free and open to the public; Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; Cathy McLaurin 978-685-2343 or [www.essexartcenter.com](http://www.essexartcenter.com).

**Memorial Hall Library,** Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 978-623-8400, [www.mhl.org](http://www.mhl.org).

**McCoy Gallery,** Merrimack College, hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., free admission; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

**Sakowich Campus Center,** at Merrimack College, the Fireside and first floor lounges, call for hours; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

**McQuade Gallery,** located in the McQuade Library at Merrimack College, gallery hours same as library hours: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-midnight, Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-midnight, call to confirm hours, free admission; 978-837-5000.

**Senior Center artists,** talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court; 978-623-8321.

**Lorica Arts,** gallery specializing in original fine art from Ireland and America, featuring the largest collection of original fine art from Ireland in the Boston area, celebrating the holiday season with an art show called "Wondrous Gifts," featuring new work from Irish and American artists; gallery hours: 10 a.m.-5

p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, as well as by appointment, 90 Main St., Andover; 978-871-1809.

**Walsingham Gallery,** artists J.C. Arnold, Robert Douglas Hunter, Jean Lightman, Elizabeth M. Leary, John Daniel Phillips, Frank Strazzulla Jr., gallery hours Monday, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., closed 1 hour on 17 Merrimack St., Newburyport; 978-499-4411 [www.thewalshgallery.com](http://www.thewalshgallery.com).

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**Montserrat College of Art Gallery,** Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 100 Essex St., Andover; 978-921-4242, [www.msonline.com](http://www.msonline.com).

**Evos Arts Gallery,** Monday-Meade St., Andover; 978-871-1809, [www.evosarts.com](http://www.evosarts.com).

**Flint Memorial Library,** 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4322, [www.flintmemorial.org](http://www.flintmemorial.org).

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During rehearsal of *Kokonut Kapers* at Wood Hill Middle School, Brett Welch (left), who plays Chic Sutherland, listens to his divorced wife Olivia Evens, played by Doris Hoyt. The pair hope to swindle the owner out of her tropical island.

## Learning to act

## WOOD HILL STAGE

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Gregory said theater companies create plays with catchy songs and about 30 speaking lines to cater to middle schools that want to include dozens of students.

In *Kokonut Kapers*, the owner of an island opens a private school on the sandy shores, hoping to pay off large debts and save her tropical land.

Sarah Brown, 12, plays the lead role of island owner Cordelia Hawkins. As a sixth-grader, she said she was surprised to land a lead role. As the countdown to opening night draws near, Brown said she is still making finishing touches on her character.

"It should be a great play to see. It will keep the audience laughing," Sarah said. "I think it's fun."

While hours of rehearsal has improved her stage presence, she acknowledged participating improves interpersonal skills.

"It makes you more social," said Sarah, adding that is an important part of middle school life.

The curtain will open for *Kokonut Kapers* next Friday, Feb. 11. There will be an encore performance the following night.

Tickets are available for \$6 in advance at the school office and \$8 at the door.

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**Churchill Gallery**, Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 6 Inn St., Newburyport, 978-462-9891.

**The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden**, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester, 978-463-8883.

**Cape Ann Historical Museum**, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester, 978-283-0455.

**The Saltbox Gallery**, gallery hours, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; 49 Main St., Topsfield, 978-887-3844.

**Nevins Memorial Hall**, 305 Broadway, Methuen, 978-686-4080.

**J. David Broudo Gallery of Art**, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly, 978-232-2250.

**Revolving Museum**, audiences will be taken on a journey through a variety of innovative artworks that explore issues like pollution control and spirituality through nature, artist-driven museum, dedicated to presenting public art, exhibitions, educational programs, gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m.; 22 Shattuck St., Lowell, 978-937-2787.

**Laura Coombs Hills Gallery**, gallery hours: Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 60 Water St., Newburyport, 978-670-9102, www.newburyport-art.org.

**Mingo Gallery**, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; 252 Cabot St., Beverly, 978-927-5964.

**Arlington Center for the Arts**, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; 41 Foster St., Arlington.

**Gelb Gallery at Phillips Academy**, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m.; 978-475-4419.

**Bravos Arts Gallery**, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; One East Main St., Georgetown, 978-352-8102.

**Ayer Lofts Art Gallery**, a cooperative artist space in Lowell, Thursday, 6-8 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, 1-4 p.m.; 172 Middle St., Lowell, 978-970-3556 info@ayerlofts.com.

**River Gallery**, Thursday through

Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; 4 Market St., Ipswich, 978-356-1559.

**Ocmulgee Pottery & Fine Crafts**, gallery hours Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; 26 Market St., Ipswich, 978-356-1298.

**Crescent Dragon Gallery**, 59 Washington St., Haverhill, www.gallery-oni.homestead.com/1.html.

**Newburyport Art Association**, Sargent Gallery and the Hartson Gallery (upstairs), Laura Coombs Gallery, hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 65 Water St., Newburyport, 978-465-8769.

**North Shore Arts Association of Gloucester**, featuring sculptures, paintings, Pirate's Lane, Gloucester, 978-283-1857.

**Erllich Gallery**, featuring an exhibition of Ursula Brenner's award-winning pastels and David Harrison's oils, through March 16, gallery hours Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 96 Washington St., Marblehead, 781-631-1202.

**Newburyport Art Association**, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, 165 Water St., Newburyport, 978-465-8769.

**Peabody Essex Museum**, *In Nature's Company*, featuring works by more than 20 Massachusetts artists who rely on nature for their creative source, through Sept. 18, open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; \$9-\$13 admission, East India Square, Salem, Mass.; 978-755-1876, www.pem.org.

## Theater

**Le Grand David Spectacular Magic Company**, Sundays 3 p.m., \$18, \$12 children 11 and under, Cabot St. Cinema Theater, 286 Cabot St., Beverly, 978-927-3677.

**I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change**, 2004-05 Performing Arts Series presentation, Monday, Feb. 14, 8 p.m.; tickets \$27.50-\$46.50, group rates available, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 400 Merrimack St., Lowell; tickets at box office 978-454-2299 or www.lowellauditorium.com.

**Late Night Catechism II**, opens Tuesday, Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m., runs daily (except Mondays) through Sunday, Feb. 27, additional matinee performances (see Web site) tickets \$27, \$22 groups of 15 or more, Smith Baker Center Theatre, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell; tickets at box office 978-454-2299 or www.lowellauditorium.com.

## Museums and Historic Homes

**Andover Historical Society, Tranquility: Watercolors and Pastels** by Ruth Brunquell, through Feb. 5, part of the ongoing Contemporary Artists Series; tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century; open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$5 admission, students \$3, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

**Boott Cotton Mills Museum**, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 400 Foot of John St., Lowell.

**New England Quilt Museum**, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 18 Shattuck St., Lowell, 978-452-4207.

**Lawrence Heritage State Park**, daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., admission free, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence, 978-794-1655.

**Wenham Museum**, \$5 adults, \$3 children ages 2 and up, 132 Main St., Wenham, 978-468-2377.

**Museum of Printing**, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring world's largest collection of antique printing, typesetting and bindery machines, as well as the world's largest library of printing-related books and documents; in addition, the museum recently acquired the extensive printing collection of the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. The two 90-foot galleries, library and four floors of archival stacks are all available to the public, \$5 admission, Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; 978-686-0450 or www.museumofprinting.org.

**Custom House Maritime Museum**, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m.; 25 Water St., Newburyport; its Lowell Boat Shop, 459 Main St., Amesbury, Wednesday-Sunday, 978-388-0162.

**North Andover Historical Society**, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop; and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St., changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 978-686-4035.

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Singer-songwriter to perform at Unitarian Coffeehouse

The Coffeehouse at 6 Locke St. welcomes singer-songwriter James Durst at 8 p.m. this Saturday, Feb. 5.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the suggested donation is \$10. According to organizers, Durst "uses his role as minstrel to communicate global and social concerns common to us all, such as our environment, world peace and greater human understanding. In James Durst's music, word and melody dissolve all cultural and language barriers, touching every heart with a vision of hope."

Durst has performed for audiences of all ages in 44 countries throughout the Americas, Europe, Scandinavia, the Middle East,

Southeast Asia, in Russia, Azerbaijan, Japan, Korea and India, organizers said. "Drawing from a rich and ever-evolving repertoire of distinctively original and collected songs in more than two dozen languages, he reflects a global perspective and underscores the sense of interconnectedness we share with all of life. The interplay of his skillful, rhythmic guitar playing and strong, expressive voice provides a colorful palette that encourages individual empowerment and compassionate relationships."

The Coffeehouse is a fundraiser sponsored by UUCIA. For more information and reservations, call 978-475-4454.



Singer-songwriter James Durst (right), who is performing at the Coffeehouse at 6 Locke St. on Saturday, has been featured with folk legend, Pete Seeger (left).

**Peabody Essex Museum, Island Thresholds**, Contemporary Art from the Caribbean, an exhibit of 13 works of art by four current artists opening Feb. 19, through June 5; Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$13 adults, \$11 seniors, \$9 students; free for children under 16; East India Square, Salem; 866-745-1876, www.pem.org.

**American Textile History Museum**, Born on the 4th of July - Textile symbols from America's heritage celebrate the nation and the important role textiles have played in describing American views of country and character. Artifacts, ranging from coverlets to cloth labels and costumes in design motifs from stars and stripes to soaring eagles, are used to explore 18th-, 19th- and 20th-century textile symbols and show how different points of view, all based on love of country and defense of her principles, have been embraced as patriotic; exhibit runs through Sunday, April 3; Textiles in America - Permanent exhibit of textiles, tools, machines, photographs, advertising ephemera, and other artifacts shows how people have used art and science during the past 250 years to create beautiful and useful textiles; more than 500 artifacts from the

museum's collections are used in imaginative period settings and gallery displays; ATHM, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; museum hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; weekends, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; admission \$6 for adults; \$4 for students, seniors, and groups; free for children under 6 and museum members, parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible; 978-441-0400 or www.athm.org.

**The Revolving Museum**, hours are Thursday through Sunday, noon-4 p.m.; 22 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-937-2787 www.revolvingmuseum.org.

**Dracula's Castle**, unusual lore of New England focusing on strange ghostly and unexplained events, \$6, \$4 ages 8-14, Saturdays, 7:30 p.m., 90 Lafayette St., Salem; Dan Tremblay 978-777-2711.

**House of Seven Gables**, open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$10 (2 for 1 admission for Essex County residents with proof of residency), 54 Turner St., Salem, 978-744-0991, www.7gables.org.

**Stephen Phillips Memorial Trust House**, tours Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., free, 34 Chestnut St., Salem, Mass.; 978-744-0440.

## Meetings/Activities

**Public skating**, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:30-11:50 a.m., additional Friday 7:30-8:50 p.m., Sundays 1:30-2:50 p.m., \$3 admission, rental skates available, Chelmsford Forum, Brick Kiln Road, North Billerica; 978-670-3700 or visit fmcarenas.com.

**Adult English classes**, sponsored by the Asian Center of the Merrimack Valley Inc., 3-month program of classes on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings, 9-11 a.m., preschool available for children ages 3 to 5 with parents enrolled in classes; 978-683-7316.

**Audition to sing Haydn and Brahms**, New England Classical Singers, under Artistic Director David Hodgkins, has openings for experienced singers of all parts for the remaining two concerts of their 2005 season, scheduled to be performed at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, North Andover on March 5, featuring Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass*, and on May 7, Brahms's *Neue Liebeslieder-Walzer*, rehearsals are held at the South School in Andover; 978-474-6090 or visit www.newenglandclassical.org.

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## WORLD MUSIC

## Wild night on tap at Crossroads

Crossroads Coffeehouse will feature the band Wildest Dreams next Saturday, Feb. 12.

Wildest Dreams is a regular feature at Crossroads because of the band's popularity. The present members of this multicultural ensemble hail from Surinam, Venezuela, Japan and the US, bringing together their powerful vocals, exuberant rhythms and a message of harmony.

From the moment the music starts and the lead singer Alice Johnson, announces "You are in the presence of Wildest Dreams," the audience will become enthralled with their exciting style of

world-beat music, organizers said.

A Boston newspaper reported that "the music of Wildest Dreams is an irresistible blend of driven African downbeats, rollicking calypso, roots reggae and R&B... They should definitely be seen and savored."

Crossroads Coffeehouse at North Parish Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover. Doors open at 7:15 p.m., the concert starts at 8, and tickets are \$14. For information, call 978-687-3960 (or 978-687-7948 evening of the concert); or visit [www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org](http://www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org).

## ONGOING

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**American Legion Andover Post 8**, second Wednesday of the month. September to June, 7 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St.; Ted Witman 978-683-9988.

**Amnesty International, Merrimack Valley Chapter**, meets second Monday of the month, McQuade Library, Merrimack College, 7:30 p.m.; Leslie 978-475-6960.

**Andover Great Books Group**, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, discusses book of the week, activity room, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-9 p.m.; Jean McGreehan 603-667-9610.

**Andover Tennis Club**, for men, women and children, recreational singles, doubles and mixed doubles play at the intermediate level, \$65 family membership, \$40 single membership, Phillips Academy, [www.andovertennis.org](http://www.andovertennis.org).

**Bel Canto Singers**, rehearsals Thursday evening, 7:30-9 p.m., St. John the Evangelist Church, 115 Middlesex St., North Chelmsford; 978-256-0783.

**Business Network International (BNI)**, Wednesdays, 7-8:30 a.m., Denny's, Route 114, Lawrence; Edna 978-640-8919, or Steve 978-975-1328.

**Business Network International, Haverhill Chapter**, Fridays 7-8:30 a.m., Best Western Hotel, 401 Lowell Avenue, Haverhill, 603-475-3503, [www.bni-haverhill.org](http://www.bni-haverhill.org).

**Choral Arts Society**, for information and to audition call: Rick Seaman 603-382-5070 or Shelia Kanan 978-373-4990.

**Country line dancing**, Stompers Country Line Dance Production will have line dancing every Wednesday and Sunday, 7-11 p.m., GuestHouse Inn & Suites, Exit 47, I-93, Methuen.

**Community men's chorus**, the Men's Chorus of New England, formed by Treble Chorus of New

England at Merrimack College with Richard Barney conducting, 5:30-7 p.m., Tuesdays, West Parish Church, Andover; Anne O'Neill 978-837-5461.

**Drum and Dance Circle**, rhythm instruction and improvisation drumming, meets fourth Friday of the month, Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St.; 978-470-1134.

**Embroiderers Guild of America**, Merrimack Valley Chapter, dedicated to teaching and preserving needlework as an art form, third Tuesday of the month, September through May, 7 p.m., Tewksbury Congregational Church, Main and East streets, Tewksbury; Rosemary Carter 978-893-0959, [mvc-membership@neonflamingo.com](mailto:mvc-membership@neonflamingo.com).

**Exsultet**, a chamber choir, rehearsals Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m., Holy Trinity United Methodist Church, 16 Sylvan St., Danvers; Richard Larrage 781-329-1741.

**Folk dance**, Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club, weekly Thursday classes, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Shawsheen Elementary School, Shawsheen and Hopkins streets (Route 12), Wilmington; 978-658-4022 or 978-658-3480.

**Grandparents as Parents Resource Network of Greater Lowell**, second Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., Memorial Hospital, Lowell; Rachelle Comtois 978-459-3242.

**Learn to line dance**, the Knights of Columbus hosts a learn to line dance class every Monday evening, beginners welcome, doors open 6:30 p.m., instruction will start 7 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 2068 Main St., Tewksbury; 1-800-233-4ADJ.

**Lowell Opera Company**, new members welcome, auditions not required. Rehearsals are held Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. at Christ Church United, 6 Bartlett St., Lowell; 978-441-6926, [www.operalowell.org](http://www.operalowell.org).

**Memorial Hall Library**, Merrimack Valley Quilters, Artist of the Month, book discussion every fourth Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Elm Square; [www.mhl.org](http://www.mhl.org).

**Men's woodcarving group** meets on Mondays at 9 a.m. on a drop-in basis at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St.; 978-623-8321.

**Merrimack Valley Camera Club**, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian



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Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover; 978-686-0900 or [www.merrimackvalleychamber.com](http://www.merrimackvalleychamber.com).

**Merrimack Valley People for Peace**, fourth Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., North Parish Unitarian Church, Old North Andover Center; 978-661-9009, [www.merrimackvalleypeopleforpeace.org](http://www.merrimackvalleypeopleforpeace.org).

**Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Association**, non-profit group meets the first Monday of the month, October-May; membership is open to new or established private music instructors; activities include lectures, recitals, masterclasses, and teacher exchanges; Jody Brickman 978-470-3509.

**Merrimack Valley Hospice**, meet-

ing weekly at St. Michael's Parish Hall, 196 Main St., North Andover; 978-552-4830.

**Merrimacks Toastmasters Club**, second and fourth Thursday of month, guests welcome, 7 p.m., Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover; Bill Cashman 978-475-0721.

**Merrimack Valley Chorus**, a women's acappella group, rehearsals Thursdays 7:30 p.m., a special acappella workshop this summer for all women interested in singing, Wilmington Arts Council Building, Route 62, Wilmington; 978-851-7764 [www.merrimackvalleychorus.com](http://www.merrimackvalleychorus.com).

**Methuen Community Band** rehearses every other Thursday 7-9 p.m., all instruments and levels of

skills welcome, band room, Methuen High School, 1 Ranger Road, Methuen; Lori 978-794-1977.

**Middlesex Singers**, named chanted music chorus, rehearsals Mondays 7-8 p.m., First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 2 Westford St., Chelmsford; Pat Moore 978-256-7143.

**Mother Connection**, a non-profit organization serving parents and children, offers play space for children under 5 Tuesday and Friday 9:30-11 a.m. when school is in session, babysitting cooperative, new mother coffee, book discussion, group, rhyme time Fridays at 1 a.m., \$25 one year; Kathleen 978-689-4911 or Michelle 978-475-

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**Mother Circle**, a non-profit group that meets the needs of stay-at-home moms, discuss and hear a range of topics from sibling rivalry to maintaining your sanity, childcare provided, New England Bible Church, www.nebible.org.

**New England Classical Singers**, under the artistic direction of David Hodgkins, has openings for experienced singers in all parts for their 2004-05 season; three performances planned, Chaprentier's Midnight Mass for Christmas; Hayden's Lord Nelson Mass and Brahms' Neue Liebeslieder-Walzer; call 978-474-6090 to schedule an audition or www.newenglandclassical.org.

**Newburyport Choral Society**, rehearses Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m., Central Congregational Church, corner of Pleasant and Titcomb streets, Newburyport; 978-462-0650.

**Newburyport Civil War Roundtable**, meets first Monday each month, Ten Center Street Restaurant, 10 Center St., Newburyport, 7:30 p.m., Victoria Ladd 978-373-1723, or Kevin Brightney 978-465-2215.

**Newcomers Club of the Andovers**, social club for residents of Andover and North Andover, variety of activities, membership open to new and established residents; Joanne Rico 978-681-0304 or jmrco@comcast.net, www.newcomerscluboftheandovers.org.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### 'Coming Home: Judy Kuhn in Concert'

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PHILLIPS ACADEMY will present "Coming Home: Judy Kuhn in Concert," an evening of Broadway music, Saturday, Feb. 5, at 8 p.m. in the Tang Theatre in George Washington Hall, 7 Chapel Ave.

Kuhn, a Tony Award nominee, will be joined by music director Jeffrey Klitz. Tickets are free to the public on a first-come basis.

There will be an informal reception following the performance, during which the audience can meet the artists.

For her work on and off Broadway, Kuhn has been nominated for three Tony and three Drama Desk awards and has won an Obie award. Her work on Broadway includes the Roundabout's hit revival of *She Loves Me*, the American premieres of *Chess* and *Les Misérables*, Richard Nelson's play *Two Shakespearean Actors*, Alan Menken and Tim Rice's *King David*, *Rags* and *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. Most recently she

starred as Fosca in the critically acclaimed production of *Passion* at the Kennedy Center's Sondheim Celebration in Washington D.C. She created the role of Betty Schaefer in the US premiere of *Sunset Boulevard* in Los Angeles and starred in London's West End in *Metropolis*, for which she received a Laurence Olivier Award nomination.

Kuhn sang the title role in Disney's *Pocahontas* and *Pocahontas II: Journey to a New World*. Television appearances include: *Hope & Faith*, *Law & Order*, *All My Children*, *The Secret Life of Mary Margaret*, *My Favorite Broadway: The Leading Ladies*, *The Kennedy Center Honors*, *The Les Misérables 10th Anniversary Concert* and *In Performance At The White House*.

According to organizers, Klitz is a highly regarded New York music director/conductor, arranger and orchestrator. He has served as music director and pianist for Judy Collins, Joel Grey, Betty Buckley, Tommy

Tune, Carol Hall and Amanda McBroom, among others.

He served as conductor and choral arranger for *Song and Dance* and *On Your Toes* on Broadway. Other Broadway credits include *Chicago*, *Grand Hotel* and *Stardust*. He will musically direct *Lennon*, coming to Broadway this summer.

For his music direction of the Goodman Theatre's *The House of Martin Guerre*, he earned a Joseph Jefferson Award. He wrote the new orchestrations for the national tour of *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* starring Ann Margaret.

Film and television credits include arrangements and piano for *Lucas*, *One Life to Live* and *All My Children*, and arrangements and orchestrations for Disney's *Dumbo II*.

This concert is made possible through a grant from the Abbot Academy Association. Tang Theatre is handicapped accessible. To reserve tickets or for more information, call the theatre box office at 978-749-4433.

**North Parish Quilters**, meet the second Wednesday of each month, September through June, refresh-

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Attorney Marybeth McInnis grew up in North Andover and continues to live in the community with her husband. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the Boston Bar Association's Estate Planning Committee, and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. She is also a Director of the Friends of Merrimack College, Trustee of the James W. O'Brien Foundation, Inc., and is also licensed to practice in New Hampshire as well as Massachusetts.

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### Gala event aids crisis center

Beauty and Main – a group of cosmetics stores, including one in Andover – will sponsor their second annual gala fundraiser, Champions for Change, with the Charles Hotel, to benefit the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center next Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Charles Hotel. The keynote speaker will be filmmaker Angela Shelton, whose nationally acclaimed film, *Searching for Angela Shelton*, was featured on Oprah and 48 hours.

Champions for Change will honor women, men and organizations on a local and national level that have made a significant difference to help survivors of sexual violence and the community through healing, empowerment and education.

### Business-group events

The Merrimack Valley Chamber and Sovereign Bank will present "Come in from the Cold," a business networking mixer, on Tuesday, Feb. 8, at Sovereign Bank, 71 Main St. in Andover, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The cost for members is \$10 per person, \$15 for two; non-members pay \$20 per person.

### State resources and small business

The state Executive Office of Economic Development and the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will host a meeting on small business with Gov. Romney's Secretary of Economic Development, Ranch Kimball.

This event is specifically intended for small business owners. Among the topics to be discussed are the economic outlook for Massachusetts and the small business community; resources available to small businesses; and Romney's Health-care Initiative, his economic development agenda and his initiatives to support small business.

The complimentary continental breakfast will be next Wednesday, Feb. 9 from 7:45 to 9 a.m. at the Riverwalk, 354 Merrimack St., Lawrence.

Attendance is limited to 40, and those interested are asked to RSVP quickly by email at [rsvp@state.ma.us](mailto:rsvp@state.ma.us), or by calling 617-788-3680.

### BNI meeting

Business Network International, On the Border Chapter, will host a day for visitors on Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Terra Mara, 159 Pelham St., Methuen (exit 47 off Interstate 93). Call 978-474-1057 for more information.

### Andover event helps Home

Nancy DeMaro, manager of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in North Andover, and Rick Barber, chairman of their Coldwell Banker Cares program entitled "Charity Begins At Home," recently presented a check for \$4,675 to Denis Grandbois of St. Ann's Home in Methuen with a pledge for \$25,000 towards their expansion campaign.

The funds were generated from a December fund raiser at the Night & Day Lingerie store in Andover and from Coldwell Banker North Andover agent and employee contributions that were matched by the Coldwell Banker Cares program. "I'm very proud of the team effort that our sales office displayed in getting behind St. Ann's. Their giving spirit makes me happy to be associated with them and Coldwell Banker. These are good people," said DeMaro.

St. Ann's has been providing services to children between the ages of 5 and 17 from the Merrimack Valley, New Hampshire and Eastern Massachusetts areas for nearly 80 years. It is a residential treatment center and special education school that works to heal and educate some of children with special emotional needs, learning disabilities, mental illness and, sometimes, those with a background of trauma and abuse.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, North Andover office plans a major fundraiser in the way of an art auction on April 29 at the Andover Town House (Old Town Hall), 20 Main St.

### Ecocentrix no more

### Now, Salon Marc Harris

Ecocentrix Salon, with locations on Boston's Newbury Street and 34 Park Street in Andover, has undergone a major transformation, including the conversion of its name to Salon Marc Harris.

After two decades in the beauty industry, salon owner and founder Marc Harris is also unveiling his own signature product line. The complete "Marc Harris" line includes four different shampoos and conditioners and several styling products. Prices range from \$15 to \$23.

## Portraits among gifts at new shop

By Rita Savard

With steady, precise strokes, artist Megan Tan captures every detail, down to the tiniest expression lines.

Inside her new shop, Yan Portraits & Gifts at 166 North Main St., near Railroad Street, Tan can take a picture and transform it into something new and unique. After several hours of applying pencil to paper, her finished product mirrors the images in photographs she uses to guide her work.

"Some people never get the chance to have their picture taken with someone who is very special to them," Tan says. "I can help them to change that."

Tan's business is one of several new shops that has moved during the last year into the Nathan Frye House Complex next to Wild Oats.

Using color pastels or pencil, Tan can replicate just about any likeness at a customer's request. Often, the Chinese native finds herself recreating family portraits.

"Maybe it's a family member that has passed away, or someone that lives too far to see all the time," Tan says. "Whatever the reason is, these special portraits have meant a lot to the people receiving them as gifts. It really is a keepsake like no other."

Born in the Shanxi Province of Northeast China, Tan began taking lessons to enhance her natural talents at age 12.

"I would paint until midnight," remembers Tan. "My parents would ask me to go to bed so that I wouldn't be too tired for school. As soon as I opened my eyes in the morning, I had to go check on my paintings."

Four years ago, Tan immigrated to the United States and began specializing in hand-drawn portraiture. She brought her skills to a couple of shopping malls, and instantly became inundated with work.

Although her hands were kept busy, Tan says she longed for her own creative space.

Now, her new Andover store serves as a tranquil artist's studio, and a place for visitors to explore



Megan Tan, owner of Yan Portraits & Gifts, works on a color pastel portrait at 166 North Main St. She sells both her own art, and other items.

Chinese culture.

The sound of a cascading water fountain, the scent of freshly brewed jasmine tea and the glow of soft lamplight are meant to stimulate the senses.

Besides showcasing and making her own art, Yan Portraits & Gifts holds a collection of imported Eastern treasures priced from \$5 to \$2,500.

"I really wanted to introduce pieces that tell a story about Chinese tradition and culture," Tan says.

The artist says she spends hours searching for one-of-a-kind items. Some of her pieces, like an elm armoire with iron details (\$2,500), are more than 100 years old, dating back to China's Manchu Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), she says.

"When you touch the wood, it takes you back many, many years ago," Tan says. "It's as if you can feel the culture."

Less expensive furniture, like ornately carved rosewood tables with marble tops (\$358), make nice accent pieces for any room, Tan adds.

Silk woven tapestries, antique watercolors and Chinese symbols, ranging in size, styles and price, wallpaper Tan's store.

When celebrating Chinese New Year on Feb. 9, Tan says in China many people place a Fu symbol on their front door for luck, happiness and prosperity. Bamboo plants are another good-will offering and Tan sells potted plants (\$10), or individual spiral stalks (\$6.99 to \$8.99).

Other items in Tan's colorfully textured shop include imported Tibetan jewelry (\$16.99), silk hand bags and wallets, tea sets in decorative boxes, and an assortment of unusual lamps and paper-lanterns in different hues and designs.

As for her art, a framed 11-by-17 black-and-white pencil portrait costs \$85, and color pastels are \$95. Larger 20-by-24 drawings are priced around \$150. The artist says she can accommodate requests for other sizes.

Tan also shares her knowledge of art and history with a West Elementary School classroom. On Saturdays, she teaches 10 Asian-



Tibetan jewelry items are among the available gifts.

American students about discovering their ethnic roots through artistic expression.

Since her shop's grand opening two weeks ago, Tan says she is looking forward to serving a hot cup of tea and a piece of China's history to her guests.

"Wherever we come from, even if language barriers get in the way," says Tan. "There's art. It's a common language for many people."

Yan Portrait & Gifts is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

## Glory restaurant goes to lunch – and Sunday jazz brunch

By Andrea Gregory

Can you imagine curling up with a newspaper and cappuccino at one of Andover's trendy night spots? Well, you don't have to just imagine it. Glory owner Adrienne Sarkisian says her restaurant's lounge will be used for Sunday brunch starting this weekend.

Glory has also added an every-day lunchtime cafe.

"We are going to go all out on Sundays," Sarkisian said. "Our guests have asked us for a long time to do it. We've wanted to do this for a really long time."

The sleek, comfortable couches will be available, and the bar will be open for Bloody Marys and Mimosas. The dining hall will still carry Glory's trademark ambiance with a live jazz-trio performance.

Sous chef Patrick Campbell will be taking over the kitchen to offer a menu he says is "fresh, hearty and delicious." At only 23, he has seven years of restaurant experience under his belt, most recently as a professional chef.

"Ever since I was a real little kid, I have always loved to cook," he said. "It's important to find your own style."

Campbell suggested Sunday morning sweet tooth might enjoy beignets, which are similar to doughnuts, but lighter. He said they are fried to order and can be served with grated chocolate on top. The chocolate is grated right at the table – so customers can just say "when."

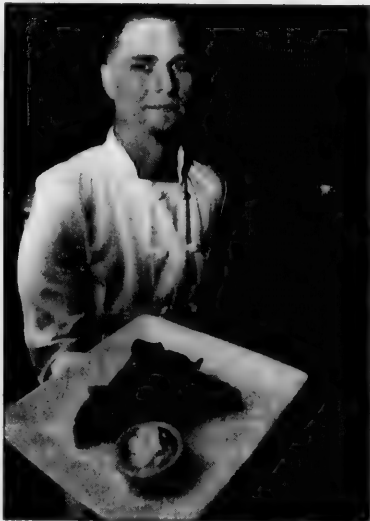
"They are a delicious fried pastry. How do you go wrong?" he said.

When Sarkisian looks around Glory, she can now say her vision is complete. The restaurant has served up several changes in the past year, two in the past week.

A Tuesday ribbon-cutting ceremony opened up the cafe, a quaint sandwich shop on the side of the building. Patio-style dining sets line the aisle leading to the counter, where fresh salads are on display. The front of each cafe menu displays the cafe's "mission statement." A few of the popular bar food items have made it onto the lunch menu such as the popular pressed Cuban sandwich.

"I just tried to create a lunch menu that would appeal to everyone," said Executive Chef Corinna Mozo.

The cafe will open at 11 a.m. Sunday brunch also will start at 11 and be available until 2 p.m.



BRUNCH — Patrick Campbell, sous chef at Glory, holds up brioche french toast with fresh berries and smoked bacon.

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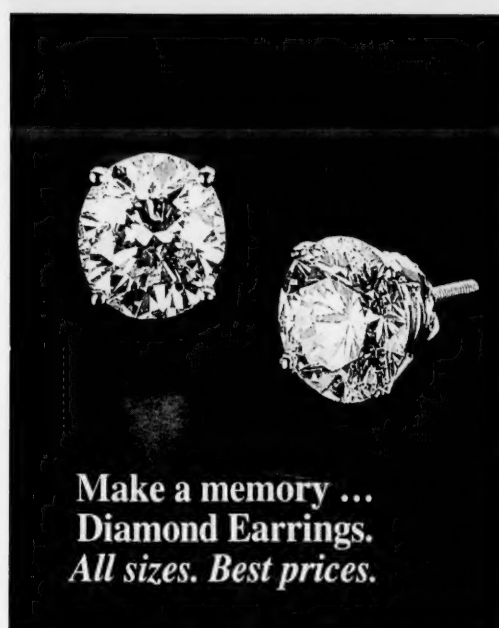
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